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MINUTES
OF THE
EAST MAINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

THE thirty-fourth session of the Conference was convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Belfast, on Wednesday, May 11.

A prayer-meeting was held at 8.30 A.M., conducted by G. Pratt. Earnest prayers were offered for the divine blessing upon the session of the Conference, and many testimonies borne to the power of the grace of God.

At 10.30 Rev. Rufus Day preached a semi-centennial sermon, summarizing the fifty years of his experience and observation as a minister. The sermon abounded in incidents of ministerial life which had come under the preacher's observation.

The first meeting of the Conference proper was at two P.M. Bishop Harris read Luke xxii., and announced the 835th hymn, —

"All hail the power."

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, the Presiding Elders and several members of the Conference assisting. The roll of the Conference was called, and fifty-nine answered to their names.

B. S. Arey was re-elected secretary, C. A. Plumer assistant, and J. H. Bennett recording secretary.

The standing committees nominated at the last session were confirmed.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 8.30 A.M., the first half-hour to be spent in a religious service, and the hour of adjournment at 11.45.

A draft of thirty dollars was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

A committee of nine was ordered by the Conference on general qualifications of candidates for admission on trial. W. T. Jewell, A. Prince,

C. B. Besse, A. S. Townsend, W. B. Eldridge, W. H. Williams, C. A. Plumer, S. H. Beale, and W. L. Brown, were nominated as this committee.

C. Stone, G. Pratt, G. G. Winslow, G. R. Palmer, J. H. Mooers, C. E. Libby, and D. H. Sawyer, were elected a committee on Conference relations.

A draft of \$97.90 was ordered on the Trustees of Conference, for domestic missions, and \$158.40 for superannuated preachers.

A. Prince was elected cashier of the Conference.

Communications from the secretary of the Board of Education, the National Temperance Society, the American Bible Society, and the Book Concern, were referred to the committees on these subjects.

G. Pratt was elected auditor of Presiding Elders' accounts.

A communication from the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders, with instructions to apportion the amount to the several charges.

It was voted to refer to the Committee on Conference Relations supernumerary and superannuated preachers, and such effective men as may desire a change of relations, and such as may be referred to them.

The twentieth question was taken up.

W. W. Marsh, Presiding Elder, read his report of the Bangor District. The characters of all the elders passed.

J. W. Day, Presiding Elder, presented his fourth annual report of the Rockland District; after which B. C. Wentworth, on behalf of the preachers on the district, addressed him in words expressive of the esteem in which he was held, and on their behalf presented him with an envelope containing thirty-five dollars.

The characters of all the elders passed.

L. D. Wardwell, Presiding Elder, presented his report of the Bucksport District. In passing the characters of the elders, a committee of trial was called for in the case of John Morse, against whom charges had been preferred. A select number of fifteen was ordered. The Bishop, with the advice of the Presiding Elders, was requested to nominate this committee.

W. W. Marsh was elected to conduct the trial on the part of the Church.

Revs. Elon Foster, John Allen of the Maine, E. Cunningham of the North India, A. D. Dexter of West Wisconsin, H. W. Bolton of New England Conferences, and Mr. Ross of Belfast Congregational Church, were introduced.

Rev. E. G. Eastman, fraternal delegate from the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, addressed the Conference, conveying the greetings of that body.

Adjourned, with benediction by Rev. John Allen.

At the close of the Conference session, the annual meeting of the Conference Missionary Society was held.

EVENING.

A temperance meeting was held in the evening, C. B. Dunn presiding. Addresses were delivered by G. Pratt, N. G. Axtell, John Allen, L. L. Hanscom, and C. A. Southard.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 8.30. A prayer-meeting continuing half an hour was conducted by A. Church.

The roll of absentees was called, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The Bishop reported the names of the select committee of trial, and they were confirmed by the Conference.

The third question was taken up: "Who remain on trial?" Frederic W. Towle, Winfred W. Baldwin, Thomas R. Pentecost, Rufus B. Gardner, Charles A. Main, and John R. Clifford were continued on trial. Gustavus B. Chadwick was discontinued, at his own request, on account of poor health.

The fifth question was taken up: "Who are admitted into full connection?" The class was called forward, and impressively addressed by Bishop Harris. The Disciplinary Questions were asked, and by each member of the class answered satisfactorily. James S. Allen, David B. Holt, Monson H. Smith, Isaac H. W. Wharff, Frank J. Haley, Frank D. Handy, and Frank H. Osgood were admitted into full connection, and elected to deacons' orders. John Tinling, Emory A. Glidden, and Amos W. C. Anderson were admitted, being deacons.

The fourteenth question was taken up: "What travelling deacons have been elected elders?" Wilbur F. Chase and James Biram were elected. W. H. Crawford, 2d, was continued in the class of deacons of the first year.

George W. Hudson was passed to the list of effective elders, having been previously ordained elder, and having passed the fourth year's examination.

Ephraim H. Bryant and Benjamin F. Stinson were continued supernumeraries. Thomas B. Tupper was superannuated at his own request.

Enoch M. Fowler, William H. Pillsbury, Rufus Day, Charles L. Browning, Lewis Wentworth, William H. Crawford, Nathaniel Norris, Eliot B. Fletcher, Abijah Kendall, John N. Marsh, Hiram Murphy, Nathan Webb, and Albert Church, characters passed, and they were continued in the relation of superannuated preachers.

David P. Thompson asked for a superannuated relation, which was

granted. A donation of sixty-three dollars was presented to brother Thompson as a token of brotherly love.

A. Prince, C. Stone, and N. G. Axtell were appointed a committee to consider and report on the subject of divorce.

The secretary read a communication from Dr. Warren concerning the interests of Boston University, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Jesse R. Baker was re-admitted.

The Doxology was sung, and brother Thompson pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON.

At two P.M. the annual missionary sermon was preached by Rev. N. G. Axtell from Isa. lviii. 8-11. A meeting of the Preachers' Aid Society was held at the close of the service.

EVENING.

The anniversary of the Church Extension Society was held in the evening. W. L. Brown presided; addresses were delivered by Dr. B. F. Tefft, Dr. H. P. Torsey, and N. G. Axtell.

THIRD DAY.

The devotional exercises were conducted by W. T. Jewell. The chair was taken by the Bishop at precisely nine o'clock. The business of the Conference was resumed by reading the minutes of the previous session, which were approved.

Rev. Mr. Sargent, Fraternal Delegate of the Congregational Churches of the State of Maine, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Education was appointed to nominate Fraternal Delegates to corresponding religious bodies.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was read. The interests of East Maine Conference Seminary were discussed at some length, and the report of the committee laid on the table to await the action of the Trustees.

Rev. George Whitaker of the New-England Conference was introduced, and addressed the Conference upon the work of the New-England Education Society and the New-England Methodist Historical Society.

Dr. H. P. Torsey, Dr. B. F. Tefft, and Rev. Mr. Sampson were introduced.

A. S. Weed, agent of "Zion's Herald," was introduced, and presented the interests of the paper.

The Committee on Claims and Claimants reported.

The Committees on Temperance, on Book Concern, and Church Literature, presented their reports, which were adopted.

A. Prince, C. B. Besse, W. B. Eldridge, W. H. Williams, and C. A. Plumer were excused from serving on committee for admission on trial, and the following names were substituted: N. G. Axtell, G. N. Eldridge, J. A. Morelen, B. B. Byrne, and L. L. Hanscom.

The Doxology was sung, and W. B. Eldridge pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON.

In the afternoon the anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held. Mrs. Rev. W. T. Jewell presided. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. E. Cunningham, Mrs. Dr. Butler, and Bishop Harris. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers was held at the close of the service.

EVENING.

The evening was devoted to educational interests, Rev. G. R. Palmer presiding. Addresses were delivered by Rev. George Whitaker, Dr. Torsey, and Rev. G. Forsyth.

FOURTH DAY.

The social services were conducted by A. Prince. The business of the Conference was taken up at nine o'clock.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Took up the place of holding the next session of the Conference. Invitations were extended from Waldoborough and Cherryfield. Voted to accept the invitation from Waldoborough.

A committee of three was ordered to take into consideration matters relating to the Historical Society, and to present a report to the Conference Monday morning. A. Prince, C. Stone, and G. R. Palmer were elected that committee.

The nineteenth question was resumed.

R. S. Dixon's character passed, and relation continued.

The tenth question was taken up: "What local preachers have been elected deacons?" Wilson Lermond, Milton F. Bridgham, and Richard M. Wilkins were elected local deacons.

Rev. Drs. Warren and Vincent, Rev. A. S. Ladd, and Rev. Mr. Barstow were introduced.

The second question was taken up: "Who are admitted on trial?" Albert A. Lewis, Caleb I. Mills, and Milton F. Bridgham were admitted.

The third question was resumed.

William A. Wright, Ira H. La Fetra, John W. Collier, James W. Higgins, Alexander P. Stowell, Israel Derrick, Alexander Jeffrey, and Oscar Crowsier, were continued on trial.

Rev. F. W. Ryder, Fraternal Delegate of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Vincent spoke concerning the interests of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society, and Dr. Warren concerning our educational interests.

The Board of Stewards presented their report, which was adopted.

The money for the children of O. R. Wilson was placed in the hands of L. D. Wardwell, to be expended for their benefit at his discretion.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts presented their report, which was amended and adopted.

The select number of trial in the case of J. Morse presented their report, which was adopted.

Committee on Memoirs presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Conference Minutes.

Voted, To print memoirs of local preachers who have died during the year, in the Conference Minutes.

James P. Magee was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning our publishing interests.

Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Warren.

AFTERNOON.

A meeting was held in the afternoon, in the interests of the Sunday schools. E. Skinner presided.

An address was delivered by Rev. J. H. Vincent, D.D.

EVENING.

The anniversary of the Bible Society was held Saturday evening, G. G. Winslow presiding. Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. S. Ladd, G. Whitaker, and Dr. B. F. Tefft.

SUNDAY.

The Conference lovefeast commenced at nine A.M., conducted by J. W. Day. Numerous testimonies were borne by those present to the power of the gospel to save and keep. It was a season long to be remembered. Bishop Harris preached an able and instructive sermon from Isa. lxiii. 1: "Who is this that cometh from Edom?" etc.

At the close of the sermon the deacons were ordained.

AFTERNOON.

A sermon, unique in its character, was preached by Rev. Dr. Vincent, from Heb. x. 1: "A shadow of good things to come." At the close of the sermon, Wilbur F. Chase, James Biram, and Jesse R. Baker were ordained elders.

EVENING.

In the evening the missionary anniversary was held, Bishop Harris presiding. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, Revs. E. Cunningham, A. S. Ladd, and G. Whitaker.

SIXTH DAY.

The social service was conducted by C. Stone. The chair was taken by the Bishop at nine o'clock. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Joshua A. L. Rich and Warren Applebee were transferred to the New-England Southern Conference, and George Forsyth to the Wyoming Conference.

It was voted to hold the Conference on the year of the General Conference as late in April as practicable, and to request the Bishop to appoint our next session the first week in May.

The second question was resumed.

John Hoffman, John E. Wright, and John N. Nelson were admitted on trial, and elected to deacons' and elders' orders, under the missionary rule.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken from the table and adopted. The same committee presented their report nominating visitors to educational institutions and corresponding religious bodies, which was adopted.

Committees on Historical Society and Bible Cause presented reports, which were adopted.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees for the next session.

The Bishop and the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate committees of examination, etc.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented their report, which was adopted.

W. W. Marsh addressed the Conference concerning the building of a church at Fort Fairfield, soliciting subscriptions to aid in the work.

Committees on Freedmen's Aid Society, Marriage and Divorce, and Benevolent Causes, presented their reports, which were adopted.

A collection was taken up to meet the expenses of Conference.

Voted, To print the several amounts apportioned to the charges for Conference claimants in the Conference Minutes.

The treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society presented his report, which was adopted.

Committee on Statistics reported, and report was adopted.

G. N. Eldridge was appointed agent to secure reduction of fare for the next session of the Conference.

Several resolutions were passed, the journal was read and approved, an address was delivered by the Bishop, the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

Harmony and love prevailed during the session of the Conference, and the members go forth to another year's work,

"Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son."

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2d Year. — A. S. TOWNSEND.	A. J. LOCKHART.	W. B. ELDRIDGE.
3d Year. — D. H. SAWYER.	C. E. SPRINGER.	G. W. HUDSON.
4th Year. — G. R. PALMER.	A. PRINCE.	G. N. ELDRIDGE.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial.
 W. T. JEWELL. C. B. DUNN. G. G. WINSLOW.

To Examine Candidates for Local Deacon's and Elder's Orders.
 C. A. PLUMER. B. B. BYRNE. V. P. WARDWELL.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon.
 A. J. LOCKHART. *Alternate.* — GEORGE PRATT

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Stewards.		
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Claims and Claimants.		
A. S. TOWNSEND.	W. T. JEWELL.	T. B. TUPPER.
Bible Cause.		
G. G. WINSLOW.	G. N. ELDRIDGE.	D. SMITH.
Benevolent Causes.		
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Sunday Schools and Tracts.

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Statistics, etc.		
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Temperance.		
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Book Concern, etc.		
G. PRATT.	B. B. BYRNE.	J. P. SIMONTON.
Missions.		
J. W. DAY.	W. W. MARSH.	L. D. WARDWELL.
Memoirs.		
J. A. MORELEN.	S. L. HANSCOM.	A. PRINCE.
General Qualifications of Candidates for Admission on Trial.		
W. T. JEWELL.	S. H. BEALE.	N. G. AXTELL.
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Conference Relations.		
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D. H. SAWYER.	G. PRATT.	C. E. LIBBY.
G. R. PALMER.		

Disciplinary Questions.

I. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Ans. None.

II. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Albert A. Lewis,	John E. Wright,	John Hoffman,
Melton F. Bridgman,	Caleb I. Mills,	John N. Nelson.

III. *Who remain on trial?*

Frederick W. Towle,	Alexander P. Stowell,	Ira H. La Fetra,
Thomas R. Pentecost,	Alexander Jeffrey,	James W. Higgins,
Charles A. Maine,	Winfred W. Baldwin,	Israel Derrick,
William A. Wright,	Rufus B. Gardner,	Oscar Crowsier.
John W. Collier,	John R. Clifford,	

IV. *Who are discontinued?*

Ans. Gustavus B. Chadwick.

V. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

James S. Allen,	John Tinling,	Frank J. Haley,
Monson H. Smith,	Amos W. C. Anderson,	Frank H. Osgood,
Isaac H. W. Wharff,	David B. Holt,	Emory A. Glidden.
Frank D. Handy,		

VI. *Who are re-admitted?*

Ans. Jesse R. Baker.

VII. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*

Ans. None.

VIII. *What travelling preachers have been elected deacons?*

James S. Allen,	John E. Wright,	Frank D. Handy,
Monson H. Smith,	David B. Holt,	John Hoffman,
Frank J. Haley,	Isaac H. W. Wharff,	John N. Nelson.
Frank H. Osgood,		

IX. *What travelling preachers have been ordained deacons?*

James S. Allen,	Frank D. Handy,	Isaac H. W. Wharff,
Monson H. Smith,	David B. Holt,	Frank H. Osgood.
Frank J. Haley,		

X. *What local preachers have been elected deacons?*

Wilson Lermond,	Richard M. Wilkins,	Melton F. Bridgham.
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XI. *What local preachers have been ordained deacons?*

Wilson Lermond,	Richard M. Wilkins,	Melton F. Bridgham.
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XII. *Who are the travelling deacons of the first class?*

James S. Allen,	Frank D. Handy,	Frank H. Osgood,
Monson H. Smith,	David B. Holt,	Wm. H. Crawford, 2d.
Frank J. Haley,	Isaac H. W. Wharff,	

XIII. *Who are the travelling deacons of the second class?*

Richard H. McGown,	James Alexander,
Perley J. Robinson,	Elton H. Boynton.

XIV. *What travelling deacons have been elected elders?*

Wilbur F. Chase,	John E. Wright,	John Hoffman,
Jesse R. Baker,	James Biram,	John N. Nelson.

XV. *What travelling deacons have been ordained elders?*

Wilbur F. Chase,	Jesse R. Baker,	James Biram.
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XVI. *What local deacons have been elected elders?*

Ans. None.

XVII. *What local deacons have been ordained elders?*

Ans. None.

XVIII. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

Ephraim H. Bryant, Benjamin F. Stinson.

XIX. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

Enoch M. Fowler,	Nathan Webb,	Eliot B. Fletcher,
Rufus Day,	Thomas B. Tupper,	Abijah Kendall,
Charles L. Browning,	William H. Pillsbury,	Hiram Murphy,
Nathaniel Norris,	William H. Crawford,	Albert Church,
Rufus S. Dixon,	Lewis Wentworth,	David P. Thompson.
John N. Marsh,		

XX. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

Ans. It was.

XXI. *Have any died?*

Ans. Not any.

XXII. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Ans. Joshua A. L. Rich and Warren Applebee to the New-England Southern Conference, and George Forsyth to the Wyoming Conference.

XXIII. *Have any withdrawn?*

Ans. None.

XXIV. *Have any been located at their own request?*

Ans. Not any.

XXV. *Have any been located?*

Ans. Not any.

XXVI. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*

Ans. None.

XXVII. *Have any been expelled?*

Ans. None.

XXVIII. *Who are selected for triers of appeals?*

C. Stone,	W. L. Brown,	G. R. Palmer,
C. A. Plumer,	J. H. Mooers,	S. H. Beale.
J. W. Day,		

XXIX. *What is the statistical report for this Conference year?*

(See Statistical Report.)

XXX. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*

Ans. \$4,100.

XXXI. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*

Ans.

From Chartered Fund	\$30 00
“ Trustees of Conference	158 40
“ Preachers’ Aid Society	743 75
“ Balance in Treasury	25 80
“ Conference Collection (in part)	33 05
Total	\$991 00

Applied as follows:—

E. M. Fowler	\$46 00	Widow Strout	\$46 00
W. H. Pillsbury	46 00	“ Bray	46 00
R. S. Dixon	46 00	“ True	46 00
E. B. Fletcher	46 00	Children of O. R. Wilson	46 00
W. H. Crawford	46 00	C. L. Browning	23 00
J. N. Marsh	46 00	H. Murphy	23 00
Rufus Day	46 00	N. Webb	46 00
L. Wentworth	46 00	A. Kendall	23 00
Widow Batchelder	46 00	Child of C. E. Knowlton	23 00
“ Partridge	46 00	A. Church	46 00
“ Hopkins	46 00	J. P. Simonton	25 00
“ Sprague	46 00	Total	\$991 00
“ Hartford	46 00		

XXXII. *Where are the preachers stationed?*

(See Conference Appointments.)

XXXIII. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Ans. Waldoborough.

XXXIV. *Who are the Board of Church Extension?*

Ans. President, J. H. H. Hewitt; Vice-President, C. B. Besse; Secretary, C. E. Libby; Treasurer, R. B. Stover; Additional Members, W. W. Marsh, B. A. Rich, B. S. Arey, H. Muzzy, L. D. Wardwell, J. D. Baker.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Education.

YOUR committee, having considered the educational interests of this Conference, submit the following report. The great task of the higher education of the people of this country is committed to the Church. The State may tax the childless man for the education of the masses to that degree that is necessary for the protection of society, but to any large degree she will not finish the work that she has begun. She has not done it; she cannot do it. Such a work extends beyond the present limitations of her province. Such agencies as can give the supremacy to the higher moral and spiritual endowments of man are required to produce full-orbed men. The Church, then, should grapple her task vigorously.

Through the New-England Education Society we can bring forward men who will do us great service in coming years, and supply men to improve the advantages already provided by the schools. We should continue to raise money for this society.

The Board of Education, as the head centre of our educational interests, and the custodian of the Centenary Educational Fund, gives promise of great permanent value to the church; and the observance of "Children's Day," with its attendant instruction, entertainment, and collection for the Children's Fund, affords a golden opportunity for usefulness, which no one of the churches of our Conference should pass without a wise improvement.

To parents who deem it wise to send their daughters to schools set apart exclusively for the education of young women, we commend Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., as a school of elevating Christian influences, and worthy of their patronage.

The last half-century has made the name of Wesleyan University a household word. The increasing influence and prosperity of this institution promise great advantages to our young people, and invite our support. But, considering the condition and special work of East Maine, it may be the duty of her people mainly to help this oldest college of our Church in such a way as to help themselves also; namely, by sending susceptible young people to be fashioned into strong men. A college has a tower of strength in a numerous and honored alumni. Through her graduates she

elevates and protects society; through them she gives a call for help in the hour of peril that will not go unheeded. This school reports twenty-five students from Maine during the last five years, and the number from East Maine Conference Seminary has been lamentably small; but we assume that more from our territory than from our school have enjoyed the advantages furnished at Middletown. Let the battle-cry, on the charges and circuits, and in our sermons on education, be, "More students, more students!" The church that produces the largest supply for our educational institutions in this generation will furnish the most ripe men, the most authors, orators, judges, and statesmen, for the next generation.

Boston University has rapidly risen to stand among the great institutions of America, and has scope and design and varied opportunities enough to meet the wants of almost any student of our country, including, as it does, colleges of liberal arts, music, and agriculture, and schools of theology, law, medicine, and all sciences. Our young men called of God to preach the gospel, so far as possible, should attend the School of Divinity. If they do not avail themselves of the present advantage, in years to come they will lament the lost opportunity. This school reports six pupils from Maine during the last five years, while the Law School reports about twenty. Why should so much more interest be taken in a legal training, when the preacher of the gospel must be an educator of the people from week to week, and should bring the best results of thought to that work that filled a Saviour's heart? Had we a large supply of men in our Boston Divinity School, they would get an outfit in harmony with their life-work, and come forth rejoicing as a strong man to run a race, and our churches would rise in new prestige and prosperity.

The East Maine Conference Seminary is in our midst, and is ours to care for, and to care for us, and we ought to know the most important facts concerning it; but many of us have kept ourselves so completely aloof from the school, our Conference visitors have given it so little oversight, and the institution, from its origin, has been so habitually free from publicity, that many of our people are ignorant of its work and its needs.

The school has outstanding scholarships, so that the annual income from tuition is about seven hundred dollars. This sum, added to the interest of an endowment fund of eighteen thousand dollars, provides an income of less than two thousand dollars per year. The expenses of almost any one of our city churches are more than this, and rigid economy cannot conduct a school, with the ordinary appliances of a seminary, with so meagre support; therefore all contributions that were not unequivocally set apart for the endowment fund have been exhausted. Money—the money that God has put into the hands of his stewards throughout our borders—is an imperative need. We see no way that the school can

furnish the opportunities that are expected of a Conference Seminary without it. We indorse the action of the trustees in honoring the scholarships, however great a sinker they may be. The Church should be the last institution to resort to repudiation. The Conference will hold the trustees of the Seminary to strict account for the preservation of the endowment fund. To use any part of it for running expenses, would be both ruinous and dishonest. There is but one honorable course for us to pursue. If we would not retreat in disgrace, and leave our children without the education adequate to the demands of the hour, or leave them to pass from our influence, and serve some cause less worthy than our own, we must raise funds for the support of our Conference Seminary. It would be an advantage to the school if its officers and trustees, its students and alumni, the Presiding Elders and preachers in charge, would keep the interests of the institution more prominently before the churches and the people within our bounds. The Visiting Committee should have a watch-care of its work, and report to the Conference each year. We recommend that lists be opened, arranged so as to receive subscriptions for the endowment fund, also for expenses of the school, securing the continuance of such donations annually, when possible, and that this work be undertaken with a view to its repetition every year, until the Seminary, by large contributions, be generously endowed. We further recommend that the month of October be set apart each year for the purpose of awakening an interest in education, and the welfare of the Conference Seminary, and that the representatives of the School and the Conference co-operate to secure this result.

Temperance.

Believing, as we do, that the Gospel of Christ is the great factor in every moral reform, we also believe that it is the duty of the Church to be identified with every reformatory work, as far as it may without compromising Christian principles. We hold that no cause makes a greater demand upon our sympathies, our prayers, and our most earnest efforts, than that of temperance.

We believe that the success of the temperance enterprise in the past is attributable to the fact that it meets the approbation of Almighty God. Holding these views, we indorse every effort put forth to stop the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

We deeply sympathize with all organizations which have this for their object, and which labor, each in its own way, to reform their fellow-men, and save others from falling: therefore

Resolved, 1. That the cause of Christ demands that every Christian

should be, as far as practicable, active in the temperance work, and at all times should abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

2. *Resolved*, That we believe that alcoholic wine should not be used at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper: such wine cannot rightfully be consecrated to God, and it is dangerous to those who, in former days, have formed habits of intemperance. In unfermented wine every quality of the grape is preserved, nothing dangerous enters, and it should always be used at the Lord's Supper.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our approval of the plan of temperance instruction in our Sunday schools, as proposed by the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union, and we earnestly desire that the International Sunday-school Committee provide quarterly temperance lessons in the regular course.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that each of our preachers present to their people, occasionally, a sermon upon the subject of temperance, and emulate the example set by our holy men of God in being earnest, active temperance men.

Book Concern and Church Literature.

The reports of the book agents, made annually to our Conference, obviate the necessity of an extended report of your committee on this subject.

We have no doubt their showing will, as usual, give us present encouragement to pursue our wonted course with increased vigor and hope.

THE BOOK CONCERN,

We have good reason to believe, is among the largest and most useful enterprises of the kind in the United States, if not in the world, and is still increasing in power and usefulness. And could the present and past earnings of the Concern be devoted to pay the unpaid claims of our superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased ministers, as suggested by Dr. Smart, the hearts of many would be made glad, no doubt. But alas! as suggested by Dr. Buckley, there are neither past arrearages nor present claims to be thus appropriated.

So the usual small pittance must be appropriated to make glad the hearts of the true and faithful, who, no doubt, will be thankful for a little.

"THE QUARTERLY REVIEW,"

As ever, most assuredly, is occupying a place in the ranks of the highest and best quarterlies of the age. It is still smelting its ore, and coining the pure gold currency.

Nevertheless some of its contributors are, we think, either below or above the Bible, in their imaginative flights.

But we derive consolation in this, that those who are so fortunate as to read its pages are both too sharp and too wise to be misled.

“THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE,”

With its ponderous and brilliant pages, and wide circulation, continues to gladden the homes and hearts of many thousands.

We cannot forbear saying the Church sustained a great loss when Dr. Fowler was removed from his editorial chair, but gained in the aggregate when Dr. Buckley was appointed to take his place.

“ZION’S HERALD,”

Our dear old home, New-England, weekly visitor and friend was never more welcome than now.

Thanks to the editor, to the agents, and specially to the Wesleyan Association, who have so long and so patiently carried a financial burden unaided and unrequited, solely for the benefit of others.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

The publications of this department of literature send its benefit to millions of the coming generation.

The current of this perennial stream widens and quickens in its course. Were your committee allowed to suggest an improvement in the preparation of the Lesson Leaf, it would be: Make them more natural and less artificial.

GEORGE PRATT, *Chairman.*

Freedmen’s Aid.

The work of this Society is second to none in its importance, and should engage the sympathy and financial support of every lover of Christ and humanity, especially of every member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. To the long-injured and benighted race we struggled to free, we are bound to secure the benefits of a Christian education, that they may become worthy citizens, and examples of the saving and purifying power of the gospel of Christ. Another desired result of religious education in the South—so largely furnished by our Church—is the removal of caste prejudice, and the promotion of Christian fellowship among all classes of society. Happily this is being, in a large degree, accomplished.

A wide field yet remains in this sunny land to be taken for Christ, and changed from the wilderness into the fruitful garden; and the work yet to be achieved, we, as a Church, will go forward hopefully and confidently to do. Therefore,—

Resolved, That this Conference expresses its hearty approval of and sympathy with the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and that it pledge its undiminished, and, if possible, increased, financial support; recommending that the Disciplinary provision in this regard be faithfully carried out.

Bible Cause.

The Holy Scriptures were given by our Father, designed for our instruction, to teach us those things which we most need to know, and to incorporate into our characters and lives.

They present examples of warning, and enforce those which are worthy of imitation.

Their design is to impart not only a knowledge of the highest and holiest things we are capable of receiving, but also a new, divine wisdom in the experience of learning and applying them.

A YEAR OF SUCCESS.

From the pen of Dr. Hunt, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, we learn that the Society has just closed a most successful year in its great work. He states that "the total issues for the year were 1,474,603 volumes,—an increase over the preceding year of 118,564 volumes. The issues in Japan alone were 65,973 copies, which exceeds the entire issues of the Society during any one of the first nine years of its existence.

Grants of money have been paid to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for missions in Germany, Italy, Denmark, and Sweden, amounting, in the aggregate, to \$4,177.

One hundred and ninety-eight colporters in this country, and 213 in foreign lands, have been employed during the year.

Families visited	691,545
Families destitute of the Scriptures	118,661
Families supplied	84,191
Destitute individuals supplied, in addition to the above	42,915

THE BIBLE IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

There is an immense ecclesiastico-political system which is the sworn enemy of Protestantism and free government, numbering its converts from more than sixty different nationalities, and into the language of *not one* of them has it ever translated the Bible.

This great ecclesiasticism, hoary with age, demands that the Holy Bible be expelled from our common schools. It is for the voters in this great Republic to decide whether, at the dictation of this most tyrannical of all tyrants, of this bitterest and most unscrupulous enemy of civil and

religious liberty, the volume which makes human beings *men*, that book whose divine *truths* bind man and nations to God, lifts the veil, and reveals the glories of eternity to the eye of faith, shall be driven out of our common schools.

We urge upon our sister Conferences, upon all Protestant churches and organizations throughout this great Republic, that by voice and vote, in the name of the God of truth and righteousness, and with unceasing vigilance, they oppose that power which, striking against the Bible in our common schools, strikes a double blow against the foundation of our civil and religious liberty: therefore,—

Resolved, 1. That the Holy Bible is the strongest bulwark of our liberty, and the surest guaranty for the perpetuity of our civil and religious institutions.

2. That we regard the determined efforts being now made by Romanists, political demagogues, and atheistical leagues, to expel the Bible from our common schools, as ruinous, and a blow against all we hold sacred to ourselves, our families, and our country.

3. That we pledge our sympathy and earnest co-operation to the American Bible Society in furnishing a Bible for every family in our country, and in its general circulation throughout the world.

4. That we will preach one sermon, at least, the ensuing Conference year, upon the Bible Cause, and present its claims to our several congregations.

Benevolent Causes.

We have the pleasure of reporting that the collections for each of the benevolent causes have been increased, both in number and amount, excepting for the Sunday School Union, the aggregate increase being \$367. Yet we have not reached the measure of our ability and the demands of the mission of the Church. We can do more. We will do more.

Your committee recommend that the Presiding Elders be instructed to apportion to the districts, in proportion to the number of members, and to the several charges in their districts to be collected for:—

Preachers' Aid Society	\$1,300
Missionary Society	2,875
Freedmen's Aid Society	400
Church Extension Society	300
Tract Society	200
Sunday-school Union	200
New-England Education Society	200
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	\$5,475

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday school has for its object the moral and religious instruction of persons of all ages, more especially the young. Its necessity is apparent by observing the general want of Bible knowledge, and consequent serious lack of apprehending and appreciating ethical truth as it bears upon public and private life.

A secondary object is the providing a nursery from which intelligently developed Christian persons may be transplanted into the Church. Notwithstanding this, we are opposed to conducting the Sunday school in such a manner as to lessen the attendance upon the public service, but we would urge the making of the school, instead of a principal, a supplementary service. In view of the great work already wrought, and work which yet remains to be completed by the Sunday Schools,

Resolved, 1. That we will labor in the pulpit and in our pastoral work to present to the people the object and possible effectiveness of the Sunday school.

Resolved, 2. That, as it is of vital importance that the officers and teachers be not only intelligent, but sound in doctrine, and devout, we will persist in much care being taken in their election, and, in order the better to secure the end, will see that our schools be properly organized and brought under the direct control of the Church.

Resolved, 3. That we will recommend the use, to the exclusion of all others, of our own Sunday-school helps, and that we will specially insist on the use of the catechism of our Church.

Resolved, 4. That, in view of the fact that our young people must be influenced and their characters more or less affected by the pernicious literature that floods our land, and enters our homes unsought, we will labor for generous contributing of means to procure safe and valuable libraries for our Sunday schools, and will seek to secure care on the part of the committee in the selection of books.

Tracts.

Resolved, That, in view of what has been accomplished through the agency of tracts in leading the sinful to Christ, we accept the aid offered and the duties required by the Tract Society of our Church, and pledge ourselves to employ this agent in the fields of labor to which we may be appointed.

The New-England Historical Society.

Many of the lessons of church history were written in the light of burning fagots. To treasure them up will bring inspiration to our heroism: to neglect them will inflict the chastisement of our own folly. The early history of Methodism will grow more valuable, and become more difficult to secure, as the years roll by: therefore,—

Resolved, 1. That we indorse the organization of the New-England Historical Society, and pledge to it our sympathy and our efforts to awaken an interest in its work.

2. We will recommend to our people the importance of securing for the use of this society manuscript sketches, historical documents, important letters, and relics of early Methodism.

3. We will encourage the careful writing of the history of local churches in the records, as provided by our publishing-house, and the more elaborate history of important events, the fierce struggles and the glorious triumphs of the Church; also, the preparation of biographical notices of our deceased brethren who have been eminently self-sacrificing in their lives, or successful in the work of extending Christ's kingdom in the world.

Marriage and Divorce.

Violation of the seventh commandment annuls the marriage covenant. If the law of forgiveness requires the party wronged to pardon the offender, even that does not of necessity restore the relation. There are two other ways in which husband and wife are, or are assumed to be, separated.

The first of these is by divorce. Either by mutual agreement, or through a contest in the courts, a decree is obtained. A division of joint possessions follows. The dividing line cuts in twain the hearth-stone, the bridal-bed, and the altar. Next, heirlooms, keepsakes, and love-tokens are divided. Then the children are given to one parent, or distributed between both. The little ones lose a father or a mother; may have to leave their home, and change their name.

Separation will succeed division. Those persons will never again all live in the same house, or constitute one family. How will they separate? If all were right, prayer, sacred song, and a tender farewell would make a proper parting service; but these, in a household thus rent, would be heartless and profane. Other and less gentle emotions would then find expression. The children scatter; the wife goes to her lonely home; and another takes her rightful name and her rightful place in the house and in the heart of her husband. Hundreds of homes in the State of Maine

are thus made desolate, and a thousand hearts are every year made wretched, by this cruel and criminal process. God intends that death, and death alone, shall sunder the marriage bond. A wife sickens: no remedy restores health, or even arrests disease. An awful form approaches that home, and its dark shadow is projected over the inmates. The strength of the sufferer declines, and her beauty departs; but affection increases, and attentions multiply. But these do not avail, and the end is near. Loved ones gather at the death-couch. To kind friends parting words are spoken. The dying one lays her emaciated hands upon the heads of her children, and whispers in their ears her last counsels. Reclining upon the arm of the loving and loyal husband of her youth, they exchange their final farewells. The spirit ascends to God, and a holy influence pervades that chamber of death. In a few days that loved form is carried with Christian rites to its burial. But that home is less desolate than one where a husband has given his wife a bill of divorce, and sent her away. Reminders of one are banished. Sacred memorials of the other are preserved: husband and children look lovingly upon her portrait in the parlor, read in the Family Bible the registry of her birth, marriage, and death, kneel at her grave, and trace her life-record as chiselled in the marble that marks the quiet spot where she slumbers.

In one of the ways above described, the married life of our people will terminate. To the one last named, the influence of this Conference long has been and long will be given.

Your Committee submit for your approval the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1. That the practice which obtains in this State of so cancelling, for slight cause, the marriage bond, as to absolve husbands and wives from all its obligations, is not only without New Testament warrant, but is also demoralizing public sentiment, and corrupting social life at its fountain.

2. That we hereby re-affirm our often-avowed and unalterable conviction, that, while the law of Christ allows married persons to separate, and human frailty makes it sometimes best that they should, nothing less than conjugal infidelity in one party leaves the other free to re-marry.

3. That the pledge long since given, of the personal influence of the members of this Conference, together with their official labors and administration, against unscriptural divorce, is hereby renewed.

East Maine Conference Missionary Society.

In account with G. N. Eldridge, Treasurer.

Dr. to Moneys received for the year ending May, 1881.

Dividends on Ware legacy	\$142 45
Dividend on Ham legacy	70 00
 Total on legacies	 \$212 45
Cr. to amount paid into the treasury of the Missionary Society, as per receipt from J. M. Phillips, Treasurer	212 45
Missionary offerings reported and forwarded by cashier of Conference:—	
Bangor District	581 00
Rockland District	536 00
Bucksport District	413 00
 Total from Districts	 \$1,530 00
Total from all sources	1,742 45

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in the transfer of Revs. J. A. L. Rich and Warren Applebee to the New-England Southern Conference, and George Forsyth to the Wyoming Conference, we sustain a loss not easy to make up, and their good work done in East Maine will testify to the faithfulness with which they have labored, and will remain a lasting memorial of their success; and, while we bid them God-speed in their new fields of labor, we assure them we shall greet them gladly when again permitted to meet them.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be extended to this church and society, and also to the other churches of the city, and all friends who have afforded us such kind and abundant hospitality during our session here.

Resolved, That our thanks be given to all proprietors of railroad and steam-boat companies who have generously granted unto us reduction of fare.

Resolved, That the official visit of our beloved Bishop Harris to our present session has afforded us great pleasure and profit, and it will contribute much both to our edification and delight to have him among us, both officially and otherwise, as often as practicable.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

Bangor District.

If we might scan our work, and tell our diligence by the nails driven, by furrows turned or stones laid, a report of our district would be an easy thing. But as the best work may please least, and the result of blunders may yet lie revealed, it is not easy.

The year opened under an eclipse, and its shadow has not yet lifted. Nor did the political excitement all pass, as we hoped, with the year; the churches are feeling yet its baleful influence all through our work. But the year has been one of faithful labor, as a whole, on the part of the brethren; and there have been souls saved at Bangor, Hampden, Winterport, Orono, Dixmont, Palmyra, Brownville, Sebec, Patten, Moro, Perham. But there has been no general revival on the district; why not, is not easily determined. Men who generally succeed have failed this year.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Some vigor is evident in church-building and debt-paying. The church at Fort Fairfield is being pushed toward completion. But little debt is made so far, but funds are much needed that it may be speedily finished. It will be an attractive church when done: it is wisely located, and it will be a strong point for Methodism in the Aroostook Valley. At Mattawamkeag the church is nearly finished outside, and three hundred dollars will finish it. At Dover a neat and convenient chapel has been built and paid for, and is a great blessing. At Forest City a fine parsonage has been built, and every dollar paid or provided for. At Pittsfield the debt of fifteen hundred, which has been hanging heavily on the church and parsonage, has been raised, and the brethren are breathing free once more. At Eddington a neat vestry has been finished under the church, and is being enjoyed free of debt. And other enterprises are being planned in this line.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

The Aroostook meetings are so remote that it is very difficult to get ministerial help at any time, though the people gather in large numbers

generally. A rainy week at Caribou made our attendance small last year, but the meeting closed strongly. Hodgdon meeting began under great difficulties, but surmounted them, and was a very successful meeting. The first session on the new grounds at Foxcroft was held in September, and was a great success. The week was perfect, the crowds were large, the meetings spiritual, and the finances satisfactory. Everybody seemed delighted, and the whole thing opened with a splendid promise for the future. Northport was very attractive, as usual, with thronged grounds and ample accommodations. Spiritually it was pronounced an average, but there are too many pleasant things here to easily keep the mind centred on religious things.

FINANCES.

We are still compelled to record that there is little improvement in this line. And the cause is "not far to seek." The decay of our lumbering interests has drawn upon our population for the last decade; our best young blood has been lost, and many whole families are moving away. The tide sets steadily westward or to the large centres, leaving our country charges well-nigh crippled. To hold our own with our old members, is a task for Hercules. The change must come soon to some of them in some way. They are not perfectly resigned, as Brother Dunn claimed for some of his dying charges. God send us revivals, and business too, we pray! But this financial strain is developing a new line of martyrs; some of our brethren and their wives are bearing tests such as John Rogers never knew. They are worthy of a martyr's crown. This is true only of a portion of our work; other portions are vigorous and growing. They not only are not reconciled to die, but do not concede that a funeral is in the range of possibilities. May the day be far distant when a single charge of Bangor District shall be dropped from our Minutes! Notwithstanding this strain, I think the benevolences have been kept up at least to the level of later years. Missions may not advance; but, with this exception, I think there will be a gain along the whole line. Knowing all the facts, one needs a hard face or a wonderful devotion to press the people very much. But we have tried to do our duty in keeping these things before them.

NECROLOGY.

God has specially favored us in the life and health of our brethren this year. Not a brother in the effective ranks has fallen, and none have been laid aside by sickness any time. Two local brethren have just passed away,—Hiram Chase of Bradford, and Thomas Spaulding of Brownville. Both were men of influence in the early history of Methodism in the State, and both have been out of the itinerant ranks for some years. One wife has fallen,—Sister Sarah J. Hanscom. A true, pure woman, and real lady, her life was a thing of beauty, and her death

was a holy triumph. Hers was no common life, and her death was no common loss. The world has no nobler women than some that live in our itinerants' homes.

And so we lay the year's record down; it has been full of care, rich in blessing, and touched with pain. Much is undone, and much unworthily done. But the general arrangement of the work is not such as the wisest judgment would approve. It is not economically run. Our brethren have too large fields to work them well. This is a necessity, however, that they may get a support, and at present no change can be made. The Aroostook has large fields; others are opening every day full of promise, and we ought to occupy them at once. The money and the men to take this region ought to be forthcoming, but till they are we must make shift as we can. And we hope and pray that a door may be opened to us here, for the field is too promising to be neglected or overlooked.

That the next year may be a better year than this, we most devoutly desire.

W. W. MARSH.

Rockland District.

As a rule, peace prevails within our borders. The preachers and people have wrought together in harmony. There is, however, a very small class of men who have the unhappy faculty of clapping their hand on the sore spots if any there be; but if none exists they make one. These are the exceptions, I am happy to say.

Extensive revivals have prevailed on a number of charges. Friendship, Sheepscot Bridge, Waldoboro', have been greatly blessed. On other charges where the Church has barely lived for years, God has come in power, and they have put on a new life. This is true of Dresden Bridge, Arrowsic, Southport, Bremen, and North Waldoboro'. On Rutherford's Island the work has gone forward until it has embraced a large portion of the people. Eighteen months ago it was said of the people, that, if one had been dying, they knew of no one on the island on whom they could have called to pray by their bedside: now they number nearly eighty.

Other charges have had conversions and additions to their number.

A neat chapel has been built on Monhegan Island. A few weeks after its dedication, a revival broke out on the island, and a good number were converted. A society will be organized soon, and the fruits of this work gathered in.

Something has been done in paying church debts. A troublesome debt which has rested for a long time on the church at Vassalboro' has

been paid. This success is due to the wise and persistent efforts of the pastor, J. R. Clifford.

The debt on the Boothbay church has also been paid. They have purchased a lot of land, and will build a parsonage the coming summer.

This church has been greatly favored, and the outlook is hopeful. It is worthy of mention, that from the beginning of their work of church building up to the present time the utmost harmony has prevailed; they have been united in heart and work.

Debts on the parsonages at East Boothbay and Cushing have been paid.

Quite a reduction has been made on the debt on the Thomaston Church.

Though there has been a decided improvement in business, still many of our churches are suffering from the severe financial pressure through which they have been passing. Some, no doubt, have become so accustomed to the cry of hard times, that it is difficult for them to cease the cry, though the cloud has passed away.

Some charges increased the estimate for the preachers' salary, but whether they have increased the receipts remains to be seen: Other charges have reduced the estimate, and some of the preachers have been too willing to submit to this reduction. Others have advised it.

The usual questions have been asked touching our benevolent causes, and their claims urged. Some men need no urging; others, like a balky horse, the more you urge them, the less they do. They will *provide* for the claims, but will not squarely present them. I hope the Minutes will make a favorable showing as compared with former years.

Our camp-meetings were seasons of interest. The one that had the least of imported talent was by far the most powerful and profitable.

An Irish bishop, by his strange mingling of sense and nonsense, eloquence and weakness, Irish wit and Irish blarney, succeeded in neutralizing nearly all that had been done in the days preceding his coming upon the ground. That these men have their place and work, I do not question; but it is not at a Methodist camp-meeting.

There are some things to be deplored.

1. *Non-Attendance upon the Means of Grace.*—We have members in all our churches who have not crossed the door-sill of the Lord's house for years except on funeral occasions; and some of these live in total disregard of the means of grace, and of church obligations. The example of such is pernicious. The ungodly take license by it, and we have harder work to win them.

2. *Absence of the Children from the Preaching Service.*—But a small percentage of the children are seen in the public congregation. Parents make some effort to put them into the Sunday school, and here their efforts cease. If the coming generations are non-church-going, the Church itself will be largely responsible for it.

On the other hand, parents absent themselves from the Sunday school, leaving the training and instruction of their children to others. We need and must have a radical change, or we shall be soon shorn of our power.

3. *Non-Resident Members.* — The Minutes of last year report the membership of the district to be 3,439; of this number more than four hundred are non-resident, and of the residence of nearly two hundred of these nothing is known by the churches of which they are members. Others are of no benefit to the churches to which they belong.

One church reports a list of sixty non-resident members, forty-five of whom they know nothing of.

Members leave without taking letters, though requested to do so.

How to remedy this evil, is an unsolved problem.

Two homes have been entered by death. The youngest child of brother and sister Handy was suddenly taken from them soon after they went to Bristol. The circumstances attending its death made it doubly afflictive to them. They have a strong claim upon our sympathies.

A few weeks ago brother and sister Tyler were called to part with their baby boy. Sister Tyler has been in feeble health.

Sister Libby has been very near to death, and is still very feeble. The year has been one of great care and anxiety to brother Libby. I commend these dear brethren and their families to your sympathy and prayers.

In closing this, my last report, I can but allude to the degree of success which has crowned the labors of the brethren.

Two new churches, two chapels, and one new parsonage have been built, and two churches have been thoroughly repaired and remodelled. The church property on other charges has been improved.

These improvements have called for an outlay of from twelve thousand to fifteen thousand dollars, and in nearly every case the bills have been paid.

We have but few burdensome debts on church property.

My relations with the brethren (with a single exception) have been pleasant and profitable. They have cheerfully come to my aid when called upon, and have been faithful in their work. They have given me their sympathy and their prayers in times when I so much needed them.

God has honored his Church by placing such able, godly men over her interests.

I have been kindly and cordially received by the churches, and only regret that the service rendered has been so imperfect; but I thank God that he has helped me to do something in his work as I have gone in and out before the churches. I have endeavored to do my work in the fear of God, and I am conscious of his approbation.

I shall gladly relinquish the joys and cares, the honors and crucifixions

of the office, to him who may be appointed to succeed me, assuring him that Methodist heroes still live, and that true heroism is not altogether a thing of the past.

J. W. DAY.

Bucksport District.

A review of our past work is always humiliating. Reflection upon the kind and gracious dealings of God with us rarely fails to thrill the heart with gratitude, and fill the mouth with praise. Thus we feel as we attempt a brief presentation of the condition of the churches upon Bucksport District. No unusual convulsions have disturbed the peace of our Zion. Pastors and churches have very generally wrought together in harmony and brotherly love.

The year has not been marked as one of revivals. Ellsworth, Harrington, and Whiting have been blessed with gracious awakenings, and a goodly number of happy converts; and in almost every field some sheaves have rewarded the faithful laborer.

Two causes have operated against general religious awakenings:—

1. The intense excitement attending the presidential campaign. The reckless and unscrupulous recriminations of the political press and of political orators, read and heard by the masses of the people, excite any but devotional feelings, and far other aspirations than those for holiness of heart.

2. The improvement in business prospects. What ought to be a cause of devout gratitude to the Great Ruler, through man's perversity leads him to forget God. When "Jeshurun" begins "to wax fat," he begins to "kick." When the prospect for worldly gains brightens, human eyes begin to look away from the "things not seen."

The camp-meeting at Castine was apparently a failure. Omnipotence viewing from another standpoint may judge differently. We fear, however, until we can rally a larger force of laborers at this point, our meetings will be very barren of results. The churches even in the immediate vicinity are not there to work. They come, walk quietly about the grounds, converse about their crops, listen to a sermon or two, and return to their homes until another day. Brethren in the ministry are recreating at Northport, or with their flocks preparing to go there the following week, and they give us but a meagre attendance. It would hardly be considered modest in us to ask Northport to sell out in favor of Castine; and yet no other way to save the latter suggests itself at this writing.

We are glad, however, to be able to report better things of East Machias. In every sense the meeting there was successful. The trustees, for whose wise management and self-sacrificing labors the churches in the East ought to be grateful, adopted the plan at our last meeting of

an entrance fee, which proved successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. Not only were they able to defray current expenses, but reserve a surplus for needed improvements upon the grounds.

Good weather, good order, faithful labor, and earnest prayer, with the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, could not fail of good results. Christians were greatly quickened, and sinners happily converted to God.

Very little has been done the past year by way of improvement upon church property. Belfast has expended some \$1,500 in completing improvements upon their church edifice. At several other points small sums have been raised for repairs upon churches and parsonages. No new ones have been purchased or erected.

The preachers have managed to live, I judge, without contracting debts; but, in order to do this, I know some of them have been obliged to practise the most rigid economy, and deny themselves and their families of many things which would have been both a help and a comfort. But I have heard scarcely a murmur or complaint. Preachers have labored cheerfully, and generally with diligence; happy if they could gather a few sheaves for the Master. The Lord help us to leave these hard fields to our successors a little more fruitful than we found them!

I have called attention, as best I might, to the various benevolent operations of the Church. I judge the pastors have generally been faithful in presenting these causes to their people. For their success, I must refer you to the statistical reports.

While not forgetting any of the claims upon the Christian benevolence of the people, I have been impressed especially to press the claims of our superannuated preachers, and of the widows and orphans of brethren who have died in the work. The stinted response of our people to this claim, not upon their benevolence, but upon their honor, is to our heart a cause of painful mortification.

The interest of our people in the cause of Sunday schools has not waned. Indeed, in some parts, I know there has been a decided advance in the right direction.

Before concluding I wish to allude to two or three hinderances to our work upon the district. I do it in no spirit of fault-finding, but with a sincere desire for the prosperity of our Zion.

1. *The entire want of any financial system upon many of the charges.* — This, I am aware, is nothing new. The evil has been alluded to again and again, in years gone by. For years the Church and ministry have suffered from this slipshod way of *not* doing things; and they will continue to suffer until our laymen have the heart, the will, the pluck, and the faith to take hold of this matter, with the determination to conquer the situation.

A Board of Stewards is regularly elected on each charge, at the Fourth

Quarterly Conference; and yet many of those stewards know no more about the finances of the church,— how the minister is being paid, etc , than the inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands. What A, B, and C pass to him voluntarily is thankfully received, and duly passed to the credit of the church, and there the matter ends.

And yet these very churches demand "smart men,"— live men; will say, "Give us such or such a man, and he will be well supported." All of which, being interpreted, means, Give us a preacher who will do his own work and that of the stewards, and we will be satisfied.

We are not prepared to suggest any specific plan. Perhaps no one would be adapted to all localities. But we do urge that each charge adopt some financial system, and work it. Begin with the year. Conduct the financial business of the church with the same prudence, shrewdness, and energy which you bring to bear upon your private affairs: you will soon witness a marked change for the better.

Let the preachers kindly, but firmly, hold the stewards to their duty, and demand of them a prompt attention to the finances of the church. In many places, as long as the pastor will consent to be preacher, steward, Sunday-school superintendent, class-leader, and sexton, the people will not seriously object.

2. *Large, half-worked circuits.* — In order to procure support for the preacher, we are obliged to put so much territory under one charge, that no mortal man can perform the amount of labor demanded. I know of no remedy for this, unless it be some system of home-missionary effort. And this remark reminds me that another serious impediment to our work is, —

3. *A sad lack of this home-missionary spirit among our people.* — I cannot better convey my meaning here than by supposing a case; and, be assured, the case is not purely imaginary. Suppose three towns or neighborhoods constitute a charge, each of which is to have a part of the sabbath preaching. The pastor receives his appointment, and hastens to the place. He finds that each place is in earnest for him to locate his family in it. This being a physical impossibility, after due consideration he pitches his tent. Two of these places are sure to be dissatisfied. Then comes the question of a division of the sabbath services. One locality, which we will designate as A, wants preaching every sabbath afternoon; B wants its portion sabbath afternoons; while C, when it has the preacher, wants him all day. Each neighborhood regards only its own gratification; no yielding for the general good, no spirit of Christ who "pleased not himself." It being impossible, of course, for the preacher to gratify all, he is obliged to exercise his own judgment, and do what he deems best for the general cause. Some one of these places is sure to be dissatisfied, and withhold support. They think that in this they punish the preacher. The truth is, they punish themselves, and inflict serious

and lasting injury upon the precious cause of Christ in their own neighborhood. Then comes the settlement with the preacher at the close of the year. One part of the circuit fails to meet its proportion of the claim. Another comes up promptly to the mark, but how careful the dear brethren are not to go a cent over the amount! "Right is right," say they, and A is not going to pay for B's preaching. The only remedy for these evils is a glorious baptism of the spirit of Him who "for our sakes became poor." "Let each one please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself" (Rom. xv. 2, 3).

L. D. WARDWELL.

MAY 10, 1881.

MEMOIRS.

No member of the Conference has died during the year; a fact that calls for profound gratitude to Him who holds our lives in his hands.

While, however, the brethren have been spared, death has not failed to come among us. He has entered some homes, and has borne away loved ones never more to be returned.

Sister Sarah J. Hanscom, wife of our brother Rev. L. L. Hanscom, and sister Abigail Brackett, wife of our late brother Rev. Edward Brackett, have within a few months passed over the river.

Memoirs of both of these excellent women having already appeared in "Zion's Herald,"—one memoir prepared by her pastor, the other by the Presiding Elder of the district,—your Committee have thought best to present these; and recommend that the Conference order their publication in the Minutes.

SARAH J. HANSCOM.

Morning dawned on the heavenly birthday of sister Sarah J. Hanscom, wife of Rev. L. L. Hanscom, Aug. 29, in the forty-third year of her earthly life. Its coming was welcome, for she had waited long for it, and had endured as seeing Him who was invisible.

Sister Hanscom was born Jan. 25, 1838, in Plantation 14, Washington County, of Baptist parentage. She was converted in the autumn of 1859, under the labors of Rev. N. Whitney, and was by him baptized and taken into the Methodist Episcopal Church. In January, 1861, she was united in marriage to L. L. Hanscom, and so took her place in the rank of itinerant wives; and that place she filled with a quiet, loving fidelity to the end. Her lot was no exception to "the rule of itinerants' toil and trial," of hard charges, and of snug economy in daily life. The mother of nine children, she knew something of a mother's care and burdens; but in every test she proved herself a true wife and mother. Always quiet and self-possessed, she exerted in her family a mighty though gentle influence. A pleasant smile, and a sweet, ladylike greeting, always made it a pleasure to enter her home; and only he who

has shared with her that home for almost twenty years can know what a change her slipping out from that household makes. But her going was like the dying of a perfect day: without clouds or darkness, leaving a sunset glory, and a memory of vanished sweetness.

The last years of her life have been crippled with sickness, and dashed with sufferings. Much of the time she was a confirmed invalid; but her hands never ceased to be busy, nor has her heart released its care for the loved ones; and for months her life was a hand-to-hand conflict with death. Brave as ever warrior in the deadly breach, she yielded not an inch till death compelled. She loved life for itself, and for her loved ones, and so held it for God; but she had no fear to die. For days every thing had been ready; and, when the final morning came, she had little to do but die. But a few hours before the end, lifting her eyes upon the group about her, her soul was moved for one more blessing.

For husband and for children she prayed with wonderful tenderness and eloquence, till strength failed. The final hour was a struggle, and once the cry went up for release; but at once it was followed by "Thy will, not mine, be done;" and she quoted "I would not live alway;" and with a final message to her children, and an exhortation to her husband to be a man of God, and a tender reference to the happy years they had lived together, she closed her tired eyes upon all tears below, and her happy spirit went home to God, "in whose presence there is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

ABIGAIL BRACKETT.

SISTER ABIGAIL BRACKETT, wife of our late brother Rev. Edward Brackett, died at the residence of her daughter in Franklin, Me., Feb. 19, 1881, aged seventy-seven years.

Sister Brackett was born in Standish, Me. Here in early life she gave her heart to the Saviour, and received the spirit of adoption. Entering the ranks as a probationer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, she soon became a member of the same. She was married to brother Brackett in 1829, entered with him the itinerancy in the Maine Conference in 1841, at the division of which she labored with her husband within the bounds of East Maine. Her itinerant life was of twenty-eight years' duration.

When at Harrington, on Sept. 30, 1869, she was called to weep by the bedside of her dying companion. In the following spring she went to reside with her daughter in Franklin, where she found every attention and comfort to the last.

Sister Brackett presented a noble criterion of Christian life. The

seed early deposited in a fertile soil brought forth its fruit; and, as years advanced, that fruit ripened into the higher Christian graces. Those who have listened to her experience and felt the warm glow of her piety in the class-room, who have witnessed her devout deportment in domestic life, and been permitted to enter the inner circle of her thoughts and feelings, can corroborate this fact.

She was not a woman of many words. She never appeared cheerful, in the sense of being light and frivolous. Her face always wore a thoughtful expression,—a seriousness which an apostle commands. Her faith was strong, and her hope for the future bright. Sister Brackett was deeply interested in every thing that was *Methodistic*. She loved her Church, and its means of grace; she loved her preachers,—was always concerned for their comforts. The poor have lost in her a liberal almsgiver; the sick, a comforter. For about a year previous to her death she suffered occasionally. About five weeks previous to her decease she was confined to her room, and from that time had the impression that her dissolution was near.

On Friday previous to that event, she suffered great pain; but, in the presence of a relative, she lifted her hands heavenward, and exclaimed, "There is rest for the weary."

It was suggested to her that she had earned that rest, referring to her long life in the itinerancy, and the peculiar trials connected therewith. She immediately replied, "All that was only a pleasure."

On Saturday, she quietly and peacefully passed into the heavens.

"Surely our people die well."

STATISTICS.

Table I.—BANGOR DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAP.	CH. PROPERTY.		PREACH. SUPPORT.		PR. ELD.	BISH.						
	Probationers.	Members.	L. Preachers.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable value.	Probable value.	Rent of Parsonage.	Whole estimate.	Total receipts.	Apportionment.	Receipts.	Apportionment.	Receipts.	
Atkinson	6	49	..	2	1	1	..	..	\$450	\$400	\$30	\$15	\$3	\$3	\$3
Bangor, Pine Street	8	232	1	3	..	1	\$15,000	1 \$3,500	\$300	1,500	1,500	60	60	7	8	
Bangor, Union Street	36	149	3	1	..	2	1	12,000	..	160	1,100	60	60	7	7	
Brewer and Eddington	21	120	..	..	2	..	2	3,500	1 1,000	100	750	750	40	30	5
Brownville, Milo, & Williamsburg	16	98	1	3	1	2	1	2,000	..	40	600	360	33	34	3	
Carmel, Etna, and Levant	27	108	1	1	..	12	..	..	..	50	600	450	34	34	5
Corinth and East Corinth	20	86	1	4	..	2	..	5,000	1 1,000	100	500	500	38	38	3	
Danforth, Weston, and Bancroft	12	116	..	2	..	2	1	1,000	1 800	50	450	422	38	38	4	
Dexter and Ripley	3	135	1	3	..	..	..	6,000	1 1,200	100	800	800	50	50	6
Dixmont, Plymouth, & Jackson	14	66	2	1	..	4	1	400	1 500	..	420	420	30	26	3	
Dover and Bear Hill	13	115	3	3	..	13	2	7,000	..	100	650	650	38	38	4	
Exeter, Corinna, and Stetson	7	86	1	3	..	2	1	2,000	1 600	40	400	355	48	21	6	
Fort Fairfield and Caribou	63	144	3	1	1	7	..	..	1 800	50	700	700	38	38	2
Forest City and Vanecebor'	10	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 800	30	340	340	30	22	2
Guilford, Sangerville, & Parkman	25	126	..	..	..	3	1	4,000	1 1,200	60	600	568	38	38	3
Hainsville and Oakfield	47	15	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	200	200	15	12	..
Hampden	20	145	1	4	..	10	1	5,000	1 500	50	650	650	40	40	6	
Harmony and Wellington	11	47	1	..	..	1	..	300	..	..	..	30	27	..	..
Houlton, Hodgdon, and Linneus	15	162	..	1	3	3	..	5,000	1 1,000	100	900	900	40	40	4	
Lagrange, Bradford, and Maxfield	10	75	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	600	275	25	24	2	..
Lincoln and Mattawamkeag	1	35	..	2	..	2	..	4,000	..	75	500	500	40	40	5	
Monticello and Littleton	45	81	..	3	..	6	1	1,500	..	..	325	325	25	25	2
Newport, Palmyra, and Detroit	25	125	1	2	..	1	1	1,500	1 1,000	100	600	600	36	27	3	
Orono and Veazie	14	81	1	..	..	1	..	4,500	1 1,200	100	825	825	40	40	3
Patten and Sherman	50	160	1	6	..	12	1	6,000	1 500	75	575	575	36	36	5	
Pittsfield, Hartland, & St Albans	30	136	..	3	..	..	1	2,100	1 1,200	90	700	600	36	36	5
Sebec, Barnard, and Bowerbank	25	46	..	2	..	9	1	1,000	..	..	375	350	24	24	..
Springfield, Carroll, and Prentiss	25	39	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	425	212	30	16	2
Topsfield, Waite, & Jackson Brook	3	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350	350	30	25	2
Up Stillwater, Oldtown, & Argyle	14	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	18	..
West Hampden and Monroe	10	64	..	2	..	2	..	3,000	..	..	200	200	20	20	3
Winterport and Cole's Corner	10	68	..	3	..	1	1	3,000	1 1,000	100	600	600	36	36	4	
Total	636	3,064	22	61	4	101	30 ¹	94,800	17	17,800	1,870	17,685	16,477	1,145	1,020	110
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ROCKLAND DISTRICT.

Boothbay	34	87	1	2	..	4	1	5,000	\$80	\$600	\$600	\$22	\$22	\$4
Bremen and Round Pond	98	86	1	9	2	4,000	1 1,000	400	50	500	24	22	4	
Bristol	41	121	1	..	..	1	2	4,000	1 400	50	600	575	38	32	6
Caniden and Rockport	20	230	1	3	1	7	2	11,500	2 2,600	100	900	810	52	35	9	
China	5	83	4	..	..	2	1	2,500	..	40	350	250	25	23	3
Clinton and Benton	6	100	..	1	..	7	1	3,500	1 1,800	100	700	654	36	35	5	
Cushing and South Waldoboro'	25	78	2	..	..	9	..	..	1 500	50	400	400	20	20	3
Damariscotta and Mills	24	196	1	2	4	11	2	6,200	1 1,000	100	650	675	44	40	9	
Dresden	50	100	2	..	..	2	..	3,500	1 1,000	50	641	634	33	33	9
East Boothbay and South Bristol	90	82	..	2	..	..	1	3,000	1 1,500	100	650	650	22	22	4
East Pittston and Whitefield	43	79	..	6	..	2	1 ¹ ₂	3,000	1 400	35	500	500	26	26	4	
Friendship	20	85	1	3	..	..	1	2,000	1 600	55	500	424	21	21	5
Georgetown	5	51	..	..	..	2	..	..	1 500	40	450	371	23	23	3
Knox and Morrill	31	85	1	1	..	..	..	..	1 500	..	400	275	25	25	4
Montville and Palermo	70	115	3	2	..	27	2	2,500	..	30	500	380	28	28	4	
North and East Vassalboro'	20	104	1	4	2	8,000	50	600	600	36	36	5
North and West Waldoboro'	42	68	..	..	18	2	..	3,000	1 700	40	350	326	20	11	3
Pittston and Chelsea	25	90	..	1	..	1	1	5,000	..	..	*170	*170	26	25	5
Rockland	35	150	..	2	1	1	1	15,000	1 1,600	250	1,150	1,150	55	42	7	
Searsmont	15	81	1	1	..	3	1	2,000	1 600	50	500	525	30	30	4	

* Five months.

ROCKLAND DISTRICT — Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.		BAP.		CH. PROPERTY.		PREACH.		SUPPORT.		PR. ELD.	BISH.				
	Probationers.	Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	Rent of Parsonage.	Whole esti- mate.	Total re- ceipts.	Apportion- ment.	Apport'ment.	Receipts.
Sheepscott Bridge	70	141	4	16	1	\$5,000	1	\$1,500	\$75	\$600	\$600	\$32	\$32	\$6	\$2	
Southport	54	62	2	6	48	1	8,000	...	40	500	400	25	25	4	4	
South Thomaston	12	29	1	1	8	1	2,000	...	...	600	600	10	8	1	1
Thomaston	18	128	3	...	1	5,000	1	1,000	100	600	600	30	30	7	7	
Union	35	111	1	1	2	2	7,000	1	600	75	575	480	40	32	7	3
Unity and Troy	38	127	2	2	5	1	1,000	1	50	500	500	28	26	6	3	
Vassalboro' and Winslow	11	90	2	1	10	2	3,000	1½	900	50	500	500	30	30	4	4
Vinal Haven	7	20	2	2	7	1	1,000	...	...	*68	*75	...	...	...	...
Waldoboro'	27	162	1	2	14	1	4,000	...	40	600	600	29	29	8	5	
Washington	16	47	2	2	...	1	250	...	...	400	400	15	15	2	2
Westport and Arrowsic	40	60	1	1	14	1	800	...	...	450	450	28	20	3	2
Windsor and Cross Hill	70	190	3	7	2	28	3½	2,800	1	1,000	40	500	460	43	26	4
Wiscasset	14	152	3	...	2	1	5,000	1	1,000	75	600	600	30	30	6	5
Woolwich	24	87	1	1	2	3,000	1	400	50	258	258	30	17	4	4	
Total	1,135	3,477	31	58	22	251	42½	129,550	24	22,100	1,895	17,862	17,092	976	162	110

* One-third time.

† Seven months.

BUCKSPORT DISTRICT.

Addison and Centreville	13	47	...	...	2	\$2,000	...	...	...	...	\$322	\$221	\$20	\$11	\$2	\$2
Alexander and Crawford	17	55	...	...	1	17,000	1	\$3,500	\$150	950	950	54	54	5	5	
Belfast and Northport	7	227	2	3	1	52	1	9,000	1	1,300	125	725	725	50	50	6	
Bucksport	12	117	1	2	...	1	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bucksport Centre	4	40	1	2	...	1	1,000	1	300	40	500	358	24	16	4	4	
Calais	19	164	3	5	1	1	8,000	1	1,000	...	...	...	46	46	7	5
Castine and West Penobscot	50	142	1	1	3	2	3,000	1	1,000	100	700	700	34	34	4	4	
Cherryfield and Steuben	26	56	1	1	4	1	2,500	...	...	450	450	34	27	3	1	
Columbia and Falls	24	48	1	2	...	2	3,000	1	1,000	50	500	350	25	17	4	4	
Cutler	20	28	1	1	1	1	3,000	...	...	350	350	273	20	18	2	2
Deer Isle	63	70	1	2	...	1	1,000	1	500	30	400	325	18	14	2	1	
East Bucksport and Orland	36	86	1	1	7	2	4,000	1	200	50	500	250	29	10	3	1	
East Machias and Whiting	38	94	1	1	3	2	1,600	1	700	40	500	500	30	30	3	3	
Eastport and Perry	22	81	3	5	3	1	1,500	1	800	75	800	780	34	34	5	5	
Edmunds and South Pembroke	60	90	3	1	4	1	1,700	...	25	500	471	27	27	4	1		
Ellsworth	71	100	1	2	13	1	3,300	1	1,800	100	750	750	34	34	4	4	
Franklin, E. Sullivan & Gouldsboro	34	78	2	1	1	1	1,500	1	1,000	80	600	560	36	34	3	3	
Harrington	90	137	1	1	4	2	4,500	1	1,400	100	550	454	28	17	4	3	
Lubec	11	50	1	4	1	1	1,500	1	500	40	500	475	25	22	3	3	
Machias	16	125	1	1	8	1	2,200	...	...	250	300	30	22	3	3	
Millbridge	11	85	3	3	1	1	1,500	1	650	50	450	450	28	27	4	3	
Milltown	20	128	1	5	4	1	4,000	1	1,200	125	735	735	38	38	5	5	
Orrington	14	120	5	1	2	1	3,500	1	700	50	550	550	38	38	6	6	
Orrington, Centre and South	27	115	1	1	3	2	6,000	1	800	60	600	536	38	37	5	5	
Pembroke	13	88	2	2	...	2	3,000	...	...	500	400	28	18	4	2	
Penobscot and Brooksville	81	131	1	2	17	3	5,500	2	800	50	600	617	30	26	3	3	
Prospect and North Searsport	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
Robbinston, Charlotte, & Cooper	24	112	1	2	...	1	750	1	250	24	400	307	27	27	3	2	
Scarsport	16	84	1	1	...	1	6,000	1	1,200	100	600	46	40	5	3		
Surry and Brookline	65	117	1	1	15	2	2,400	1	575	50	589	532	36	36	3	2	
Swan's Island	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
Tremont and Cranberry Isle	6	55	1	1	...	...	...	1	1,000	50	500	270	25	9	2	2
Wesley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	924	2,881	15	48	25	144	38	102,950	24	24,175	1,564	15,671	14,180	979	835	113	90

Table II.—BANGOR DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											
	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Woman's For. Miss. Society.	Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Amer. Bible Society.	Building and Improv. Ch. and Par., and Pay'g Debts.	Indebt. on Church Property.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	
						\$1	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$450	
Atkinson.....																	
Bangor, Pine Street.....	2	32	300	450	30	69	\$50	6	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Bangor, Union Street.....	1	24	250	640	28	100	12	6	6	3	2	7	4	4			
Brewer and Eddington.....	2	24	250	450	10	30	5	5	2	2	5	2	2	\$100			
Brownville, Milo, and Wil- liamsburg.....	1	10	60	150	3												
Carmel, Etna, and Levant.....	1	6	40	60	6	10										15	
Corinth and East Corinth.....	2	18	100	400	9												
Danforth, Weston, and Bancroft.....	3	30	75	150	3	20	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	50	\$230		
Dexter and Ripley.....	1	19	168	520	15	57	10	5	3	4	7	6	4	27		1	
Dixmont, Plymouth, and Jackson.....	1	5	25	30	5	7											
Dover and Bear Hill.....	2	20	140	400	14	30	3	5	2	2	5	2	3	550			
Exeter, Corinna, and Stetson.....	1	7	40	500	11	17		2	1	1	3	1	1				
Fort Fairfield and Caribou.....					5	8		3	1	1	1	1	1	100	200		
Forest City and Vanceboro.....					4	2	1	1		1				660	140		
Guilford, Sangerville, and Parkman.....	1	12	75	100	11	29	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	100	1,123		
Hainsville and Oakfield.....	4	20	100	100													
Hampden.....	1	17	125	200	7	38	1	4		1	3		1	1,000	100	30	
Harmony and Wellington.....						10											
Houlton, Hodgdon, and Linneus.....	4	25	100	300	4	25	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	200			
Lagrange, Bradford, and Maxfield.....	2	12	50	260	2	3											
Lincoln & Mattawamkeag.....	2	12	120	550	2	6		1	1	1	1	1	1	400	28		
Monticello and Littleton.....	4	20	175	200	4	15	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	100	120		
Newport, Palmyra, and Detroit.....	2	18	120	500	7	5					1		1		135		
Orono and Veazie.....	1	15	90	237		10		1					1		40		
Patten and Sherman.....	1	10	80	325	4	10		1	1	1	1	1	1				
Pittsfield, Hartland, and St. Albans.....	2	27	167	310	5	17	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	1,000	500	30
Sebec, Barnard, and Bow- erbank.....	2	10	60	175		10		2	1	1	1				250		
Springfield, Carroll, and Prentiss.....						2											
Topsfield, Waite, and Jackson Brook.....	3	20	115			3											
Upper Stillwater, Old- town, and Argyle.....	2	17	105	330													
West Hampden & Monroe.....	2	28	150		5	10		2									
Winterport & Cole's Corner.....	1	15	115	260	12	25		2	1	1	2	1	1	150	80	4	
Total.....	57	473	3,195	7,597	\$200	\$581	\$90	\$63	\$26	\$30	\$58	\$27	\$32	\$4,477	\$2,783	\$650	

ROCKLAND DISTRICT.

Boothbay.....	1	13	80	250	\$12	\$24		\$5	\$3	\$3	\$5	\$3	\$3	\$700		
Bremen and Round Pond.....	1	18	126	200	5	13	\$1	4	2	1	3	2	2	300	\$300	
Bristol.....	3	30	150	200	12	21		4	3	3	5	2	2	125		
Camden and Rockport.....	2	26	245	292	6	33	10	3	2	2	2	2	2			
China.....	1	10	50	150	8	5							7			\$35
Clinton and Benton.....	2	30	130	300	16	30	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1		
Cushing & So. Waldoboro'.....	2	20	82	200	7	10		2	1	2	2	2	1	115	40	37
Damariscotta and Mills.....	3	33	168	700	9	32		1	2	2	3	2	2		170	
Dresden.....	3	24	225	520	6	20	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	85	240	200
E. Boothbay and S. Bristol.....	3	36	210	600	11	22		5	3	3	5	3	3	600		2
E. Pittston and Whitefield.....	5	24	125	200	6	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	3			30

ROCKLAND DISTRICT—Continued.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Conference Chaplains.	Missions.	Woman's For Miss. Society.	Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Friedmen's Aid Society.	Amer. Bible Society.	Building and Improv. Ch. and Par., and Pay'g Debts.	Indebt on Church Property	Miscellaneous Purposes.	
Friendship.....	2	14	112	1,200	\$13	\$25	.....	\$5	\$3	\$3	\$5	\$4	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	1	7	45	400	5	17	.....	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Knox and Morrill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montville and Palermo.....	2	16	90	235	4	9	.....	1	2	.....	3	2	2	81	\$54
North and E. Vassalboro.....	2	24	130	250	7	17	.....	3	2	2	2	10	400	.....	.....
North and W. Waldoboro'.....	2	12	70	200	13	6	.....	1	.....	.....	3	75	125	.....	.....
Pittston and Chelsea.....	2	18	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockland.....	2	37	275	600	6	33	\$14	2	1	1	2	2	2	.....	.....
Searsmont.....	1	14	100	.....	4	16	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	25	.....
Sheepscot Bridge.....	3	30	220	546	3	42	8	2	1	1	4	1	1	240	200	
Southport.....	1	16	108	180	7	14	.....	3	2	2	3	2	4	.....	120
South Thomaston.....	2	22	95	450	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	50	.....	.....
Thomaston.....	1	15	175	220	10	25	3	5	2	2	5	2	4	222	750	
Union.....	1	10	50	500	.....	29	1	2	.....	1	2	.....	90	300	.....
Unity and Troy.....	2	13	80	100	3	10	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20	.....
Vassalboro' and Winslow.....	2	12	40	150	5	10	.....	2	.....	1	2	4	950	.....	10
Vinal Haven.....	1	5	24	80	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waldoboro'.....	4	31	225	600	9	15	2	4	2	3	3	2	2	.....	110
Washington.....	3	25	100	400	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westport and Arrowsic.....	1	8	35	250	9	5	.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....
Windsor and Cross Hill.....	3	25	140	600	8	10	1	.....	1	1	1	1	8	525	.....
Wiscasset.....	1	8	40	100	4	12	.....	4	1	1	2	1	2	.....	.....
Woolwich.....	2	10	50	200	10	14	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	.....	.....
Total.....	67	636	3,945	10,873	\$223	\$536	\$50	\$69	\$42	\$44	\$73	\$38	\$75	\$4,783	\$1,979	\$799

BUCKSPORT DISTRICT.

Addison and Centreville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alexander and Crawford.....	3	12	100	175	\$2	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belfast and Northport.....	1	30	320	.....	8	46	12	5	1	\$1	5	.....	\$1	\$1,500	\$500	\$200
Bucksport.....	1	23	160	425	10	40	8	2	1	1	5	\$1	2	616	.....	.....
Bucksport Centre.....	1	8	40	200	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calais.....	2	29	182	500	20	62	5	5	2	2	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Castine and W. Penobscot.....	5	40	200	500	13	20	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Cherryfield and Steuben.....	1	9	55	250	2	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia and Falls.....	2	18	70	200	3	5	1	1	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Cutler.....	3	24	85	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deer Isle.....	1	8	50	100	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
E. Bucksport and Orland.....	2	14	100	300	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
E. Machias and Whiting.....	3	20	100	300	2	6	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....
Eastport and Perry.....	1	18	102	309	12	24	.....	2	1	2	2	2	1	75	.....	.....
Edmunds & S. Pembroke.....	3	34	150	400	1	2	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	1	31	23	.....
Ellsworth.....	1	17	115	350	12	20	1	4	1	1	3	1	3	100	800	.....
Franklin, East Sullivan, and Gouldsboro'.....	1	10	60	250	3	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	90	.....	.....
Harrington.....	3	20	140	400	2	7	.....	2	1	1	1	1	1,100	1,200	28	.....
Lubec.....	1	6	30	105	2	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
Machias.....	1	21	150	175	2	12	.....	1	1	1	1	1	75	18	.....	.....
Millbridge.....	1	10	75	250	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milltown.....	1	20	150	250	5	24	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	80	.....	.....
Orrington.....	1	12	80	300	9	33	2	4	2	2	4	2	2	65	.....	20
Orrington Centre & South.....	3	20	130	425	4	24	4	4	2	3	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Pembroke.....	3	28	120	450	1	6	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....
Penobscot and Brooksville.....	6	50	250	445	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	157	40	.....
Prospect and N. Searsport Robbinston, Charlotte, and Cooper.....	3	25	120	.....	2	7	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searsport.....	1	14	90	350	9	15	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Surry and Brookline.....	4	16	120	350	2	6	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	6	.....
Swan's Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	.....	.....
Tremont & Cranberry Isle Wesley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	59	556	3,344	7,759	\$144	\$413	\$40	\$49	\$26	\$29	\$46	\$20	\$28	\$3,400	\$3,333	\$328

Table I.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS.			BAP.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			PREACHERS' SUP.	PR. ELD.	BISHOPS						
	Prob'ners.	Members.	L. Preach.		Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Rent of Parsonage.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.	Apportionment.	Receipts.	Apportionment.	Receipts.	
Bangor	636	3,064	22	61	4 101	30½	\$94,800	17	\$17,800	\$1,870	\$17,685	\$16,477	\$1,145	\$1,020	\$110	\$91
Rockland	1,135	3,477	31	58	22 251	42½	129,550	24½	22,100	1,895	17,862	17,092	976	861	162	110
Bucksport	924	2,881	15	48	25 144	38	102,950	24	24,175	1,564	15,671	14,189	979	835	113	90
Total	2,695	9,422	68	167	51 496	111	327,300	65½	64,075	5,329	51,218	47,758	3,100	2,716	385	291
Last year	2,972	9,415	66	216	61 663	111½	327,350	65	63,550	5,240	48,840	44,621	3,132	2,648	273	211
Increase	—	—	7	2	51	—	—	—	525	89	2,378	3,137	—	68	112	80
Decrease.....	277	—	—	10	167	½	50	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—

Table II.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Woman's For.	Mis. Soc.	Church Ex-tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Amer. Bible Soc.	Building and Improv. Ch. and Par., and Paying Debts.	Indebt. on Church Property.	Miscellaneous Purposes.
Bangor	57	473	3,195	\$7,597	\$200	\$581	\$90	\$63	\$26	\$30	\$58	\$27	\$32	\$4,477	\$2,783	\$650
Rockland	67	636	3,945	10,873	223	536	50	69	42	44	73	38	75	4,783	1,979	799
Bucksport	59	556	3,344	7,759	144	413	40	49	26	29	46	20	28	3,400	3,383	328
Total	183	1,665	10,484	26,229	567	1,530	180	181	94	103	177	85	135	12,660	8,145	1,777
Last year	173	1,670	10,305	24,849	423	1,389	164	171	85	106	160	72	114	11,641	11,579	591
Increase	10	—	79	1,380	144	141	16	10	9	—	17	13	21	1,019	—	186
Decrease.....	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3,434	—	—

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Bangor District.

ELDERS.

	POST-OFFICE.
J. M. Hutchinson	Detroit.
M. D. Matthews	Upper Stillwater.
Moses Palmer.....	Garland.
C. G. Robbins.....	Dover.
D. Warren	Bangor.
J. Wither	Caribou.

DEACONS.

S. Boody	Maysville.
Elias Dodge	Carmel.
L. C. Dunn	Brownville.
D. Godfrey	Dixmont.
Simeon Staples	Monroe.

PREACHERS.

A. A. Cobb	Kenduskeag.
D. C. Gentner	Dover.
L. A. Gould	West Hampden.
H. S. Morton	Stetson.
R. L. Nanton	Hainesville.
P. C. Parsons	Foxcroft.
S. T. Page	Topsfield.
C. W. Porter	Caribou.
B. B. Thomas	Hampden.
N. R. Turner	Harmony.
S. M. Small	Forest City.

Rockland District.

ELDERS.

	POST-OFFICE.
William J. Clifford	Montville.
Elijah Crooker	Washington.
George Herrick	Camden.
James Lewis	Liberty.
Abram Plumer	Damariscotta.
Paris Rowell	Bristol.

DEACONS.

John Beedle	Dresden.
Wilson Lermond	East Knox.
M. W. Newbert	China.
D. W. Sawyer	Boothbay.
E. E. Ware.....	Thorndike.

PREACHERS.

George Canham	N. Vassalborough.
N. D. Clifford	Middletown, Conn.
S Bickmore	N. Waldoborough.
W. B. Jackson.....	South China.
John C. Lamb	Freedom.
W. W. Davis	Waldoborough.
J. N. Jones.....	Round Pond.
George Messer	Union.
Timothy Kimball	Burnham.
Galen Newhall	West Washington.
O. Stoddard	Searsmont.
Daniel Wentworth	China.
Z. Washburn	China.
Elias Wixson	China.
Aaron Winchenbauch.....	Friendship.
C. K. Whitmore	Chelsea.

Bucksport District.**LOCAL ELDERS.**

Zebulon Davis	East Bucksport.
Gilbert Ellis	Northport.
Theodore Scott	Northport.
William Reed.....	North Bucksport.
K. N. Messervy	South Deer Isle.

POST-OFFICE.

East Bucksport.
Northport.
Northport.
North Bucksport.
South Deer Isle.

DEACONS.

D. B. Stinchfield	Princeton.
R. M. Wilkins	Cutler.

PREACHERS.

Eben G. Bloomfield	South Lubec.
Joseph W. Strout	Millbridge.
David H. Sherman	Bucksport.
Ammi Doten	Marion.
Israel Hathaway	East Machias.
Loren B. Wass	Harrington.
Daniel M. Young	Charlotte.
John M. Roberts	Surry.
George F. Ingalls	North Bluehill.
Edgar Carter	Sedgwick.
William T. Treworgy	Ellsworth.

APPOINTMENTS.

Bangor District.

WILLIAM W. MARSH, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O., Bangor.)

Atkinson and South Sebec.....	Amos W. C. Anderson.
Argyle and Porter's Mills.....	To be supplied.
Bangor, Pine Street	Nathan G. Axtell.
" Union Street	George N. Eldridge.
Brewer and Eddington	Charles A. Southard.
Brownville, Milo, and Williamsburg	John H. Bennett.
Corinth and East Corinth.....	Supplied by S. T. Page.
Carmel	To be supplied.
Dexter	George R. Palmer.
Dover and Bear Hill	Charles A. Plumer.
Danforth, Weston, and Bancroft	Moses D. Miller.
Dixmont, Plymouth, and Jackson	John Tinling.
Exeter, Corinna, and Stetson.....	Frederic W. Towle.
Fort Fairfield and Caribou.....	Elisha Skinner.
Guilford, Sangerville, and Parkman	Pascal E. Brown.
Houlton	Albert A. Lewis.
Hodgdon and Linneus.....	Emory A. Glidden.
Hampden	Abner S. Townsend.
Harmony and Wellington.....	Supplied by N. R. Turner.
Hainesville and Molunkus	Supplied by R. L. Nanton.
Lagrange, Bradford, and Medford	Supplied by S. M. Small.
Lincoln and Mattawamkeag	Frederic A. Bragdon.
Monticello and Littleton.....	Monson H. Smith.
Moro and Dyer Brook	Supplied by L. H. Kilgore.
Newport, Palmyra, and Detroit	Virgil P. Wardwell.
Orono, Upper Stillwater, and Veazie.....	Lorin L. Hanscom.
Patten and Sherman	Frank H. Osgood.
Pittsfield, St. Albans, and Hartland	Charles E. Springer.
Perham and Castle Hill	Supplied by M. Kearney.
Sebec and Bowerbank	David B. Holt.
Springfield, Carroll, and Prentiss.....	Supplied by P. R. Stratton.
Topsfield and Forest City.....	Isaac H. W. Wharff.
Winterport and Cole's Corner	George Pratt.
West Hampden and Monroe	Supplied by L. A. Gould.
David H. Tribou, Chaplain United-States Navy; member Hampden Quarterly Conference; stationed at Navy Yard, Boston.	
J. A. L. Rich, transferred to New-England Southern Conference, and stationed at East Glastonbury, Conn.	

Rockland District.

BENJAMIN S. AREY, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O., Rockland.)

Boothbay	Sylvanus L. Hanscom.
Bremen and Round Pond	Supplied by J. W. Price.
Bristol	Moses G. Prescott.
Camden	Benjamin C. Wentworth.
China and Winslow	To be supplied.
Clinton and Benton	William T. Jewell.
Cushing and South Waldoborough	David Smith.
Damariscotta and Mills	Charles B. Dunn.
Dresden	Frank D. Handy.
East Boothbay and South Bristol	Alonzo J. Clifford.
East Pittston and Whitefield.....	Orren Tyler.
Friendship	David H. Sawyer.
Georgetown	Solomon S. Gross.
Knox and Morrill	Sup. by Wilson Lermond.
Montville and Palermo	Supplied by W. J. Clifford.
North and East Vassalborough	Elton H. Boynton.
North and West Waldoborough	Supplied by S. Bickmore.
Pittston and Chelsea	To be supplied.
Rockland	Cyrus Stone.
Rockport	Wilbur F. Chase.
Searsmont and Lincolnville	John P. Simonton.
Sheepscot Bridge	John R. Clifford.
Southport /.....	William B. Eldridge.
South Thomaston.....	B. M. Mitchell.
Thomaston.....	Ammi Prince.
Union	Seth H. Beale.
Unity and Troy	James A. Morelen.
Vassalborough, Cross Hill, and Riverside	Edward H. Tunnicliffe.
Vinal Haven	To be supplied.
Waldoborough	C. L. Haskell.
Washington	To be supplied.
Westport and Arrowsic	Benjamin B. Byrne.
Windsor	Thomas R. Pentecost.
Wiscasset	Jacob T. Crosby.
Woolwich.....	Jesse R. Baker.
George A. Crawford, Chaplain in United-States Navy; member of Camden Quarterly Conference; on board United-States Flagship "Richmond," Asiatic Station.	
Warren Applebee, transferred to New-England Southern Conference, and stationed at Chatham, Mass.	

Bucksport District.

LORENZO D. WARDWELL, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O., Ellsworth.)

Alexander, Crawford, and Cooper	Rufus P. Gardner.
Bucksport	Theodore Gerrish.
Belfast and Northport	Charles E. Libby.

Bar Harbor	James H. Mooers.
Bucksport Centre	Benjamin C. Blackwood.
Centre and South Orrington	James Biram.
Castine and West Penobscot	George G. Winslow.
Cherryfield and Steuben	Perley J. Robinson.
Columbia Falls and Addison	William H. Crawford.
Cutler	Supplied by R. M. Wilkins.
Calais	James W. Day.
Deer Isle	Supplied by K. N. Messervey.
East Bucksport and Orlan d	Supplied by Z. Davis.
Ellsworth	George W. Hudson.
East Sullivan and Gouldsborough	Winfred W. Baldwin.
East Machias and Whiting	James S. Allen.
Eastport	W. Henry Williams.
Edmunds and Clarkside	Charles A. Main.
Franklin and Sullivan	James Alexander.
Harrington and Columbia	Richard H. McGown.
Lubec	To be supplied.
Millbridge	To be supplied.
Machias	C. Irvin Mills.
Milltown	William L. Brown.
Orrington	Charles B. Besse.
Penobscot and Brooksville	Shubael M. Dunton.
Pembroke	Arthur J. Lockhart.
Robbinston and Charlotte	Melton F. Bridgham.
Searsport and North Searsport	Frank J. Haley.
Surry and Brooklin	Supplied by J. M. Roberts.
Swan's Island	To be supplied.
Tremont and Cranberry Isles	Charles Rogers.
Trenton	Supplied by A. D. Dexter.
Wesley	To be supplied.
H. H. Clark, Chaplain in the Navy; member of Milltown Quarterly Conference, on board United-States Training-ship "Minnesota," Newport, R.I.	
George Forsyth, transferred to Wyoming Conference.	

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

The letters designate their present relation, — D., DEACON; E., ELDER; Sup., SUPERANNUATED; Sup'y, SUPERENUMERARY.

The place mentioned is their post-office address as far as known.

The figures in the first column indicate the time of their admission on probation in the Conference; those in the last column, the term of appointment.

1878.	Alexander, James	D.	Franklin	2
1879.	Allen, James S.	D.	East Machias	2
1878.	Anderson, Amos W. C.	D.	Atkinson	2
1858.	Arey, Benjamin S.	E.	Rockland (P. E.)	1
1852.	Axtell, Nathan G.	E.	Bangor	2
1881.	Baker, Jesse R.	E.	Woolwich	1
1841.	Beale, Seth H.	E.	Union	1
1868.	Bennett, John H.	E.	Brownville	2
1869.	Besse, Charles B.	E.	Orrington	1
1877.	Biram, James	E.	South Orrington	1
1857.	Blackwood, Benjamin C.	E.	Bucksport Centre	2
1878.	Boynont, Elton H.	D.	East Vassalborough	1
1872.	Bragdon, Frederick A.	E.	Lincoln	1
1872.	Brown, Pascal E.	E.	Guilford	1
1858.	Brown, William L.	E.	Milltown	3
1830.	Browning, Charles L.	E.	Hampden Corner	Sup.
1846.	Bryant, Ephraim H.	E.	South Windsor	Sup'y.
1843.	Byrne, Benjamin B.	E.	Westport	1
1877.	Chase, Wilbur F.	E.	Rockport	1
1833.	Church, Albert ✓	E.	Camden	Sup.
1869.	Clark, Henry H.	E.	Newport, R.I.	7
1874.	Clifford, Alonzo J.	E.	East Boothbay	3
1844.	Crawford, William H. ✓	E.	Camden	Sup.
1870.	Crawford, George A.	E.	Yokohoma, Japan	11
1876.	Crawford, William H., 2d	D.	Columbia Falls	2
1876.	Crosby, Jacob T.	E.	Wiscasset	2
1831.	Day, Rufus ... ✓	E.	North Newburg	Sup.
1860.	Day, James W.	E.	Calais	1
1849.	Dixon, Rufus S. ✓	E.	Cushing	Sup.
1842.	Dunn, Charles B.	E.	Damariscotta	1
1872.	Dunton, Shubael M.	E.	Penobscot	1
1873.	Eldridge, George N.	E.	Bangor	2
1872.	Eldridge, William B.	E.	Southport	2
1826.	Fletcher, Eliot B. ✓	E.	Cape Elizabeth Depot	Sup.
1843.	Fowler, Enoch M. ✓	E.	Searsmont	Sup.
1872.	Gerrish, Theodore	E.	Bucksport	1
1878.	Glidden, Emory A.	D.	Hodgdon	1
1857.	Gross, Solomon S.	E.	Georgetown	2
1879.	Haley, Frank J.	D.	Searsport	2
1878.	Handy, Frank D.	D.	Dresden	1
1864.	Hanscom, Loren L.	E.	Orono	1
1869.	Hanscom, Sylvanus L.	E.	Boothbay	1
1865.	Haskell, Conforth L.	E.	Waldoborough	3
1879.	Holt, David B.	D.	Sebec	1
1878.	Hudson, George W.	E.	Ellsworth	1
1849.	Jewell, William T.	E.	Clinton	1
1841.	Kendall, Abijah ✓	E.	Winterport	Sup.
1871.	Libby, Charles E.	E.	Belfast	1
1872.	Lockhart, Arthur J.	E.	Pembroke	2
1855.	Marsh, John N. ✕	E.	Portland	Sup.

1860.	Marsh, William W.	E.	Bangor (P. E.)	4
1878.	McGown, Richard H.	D.	Harrington.	1
1872.	Miller, Moses D.	E.	Danforth.	1
1842.	Mitchell, Barnett M.	E.	South Thomaston	1
1868.	Mooers, James H.	E.	Bar Harbor	1
1862.	Morelen, James A.	E.	Unity	1
1870.	Morse, John	E.		
1857.	Murphy, Hiram	E.	Winslow	
1852.	Norris, Nathaniel	E.	Natick, Mass.	Sup.
1878.	Osgood, Frank H.	D.	Patten	2
1866.	Palmer, George R.	E.	Dexter	
1834.	Pillsbury, William H.	E.	Bucksport	Sup.
1860.	Plumer, Charles A.	E.	Foxcroft	3
1838.	Pratt, George	E.	Winterport	2
1872.	Prescott, Moses G.	E.	Bristol	1
1851.	Prince, Ammi	E.	Thomaston	2
1878.	Robinson, Perley J.	D.	Cherryfield	2
1875.	Rogers, Charles	E.	Tremont	3
1876.	Sawyer, David H.	E.	Friendship	2
1871.	Simonton, John P.	E.	Searsmont	1
1872.	Skinner, Elisha	E.	Fort Fairfield	2
1873.	Smith, David	E.	Cushing	2
1879.	Smith, Monson H.	E.	Monticello	2
1876.	Southard, Charles A.	E.	Brewer	1
1859.	Springer, Charles E.	E.	Pittsfield	2
1859.	Stinson, Benjamin F.	E.	Swan's Island	Sup'y.
1863.	Stone, Cyrus	E.	Rockland	2
1836.	Thompson, David P.	E.	China	Sup.
1879.	Tinling, John	D.	Dixmont	2
1869.	Townsend, Abner S.	E.	Hampden Corner	1
1872.	Tribou, David H.	E.	Boston, Mass.	10
1875.	Tunnicliffe, Edmund H.	E.	Vassalborough	1
1846.	Tupper, Thomas B.	E.	Searsport	Sup.
1876.	Tyler, Orren	E.	East Pittston	2
1850.	Wardwell, Lorenzo D.	E.	Ellsworth (P. E.)	3
1876.	Wardwell, Virgil P.	E.	Newport	2
1836.	Webb, Nathan	E.	Searsmont	Sup.
1873.	Wentworth, Benjamin C.	E.	Camden	1
1845.	Wentworth, Lewis	E.	Clinton	Sup.
1879.	Wharf, Isaac H. W.	D.	Topsfield	1
1871.	Williams, W. Henry	E.	Eastport	2
1855.	Winslow, George G.	E.	Castine	2

PROBATIONERS.

1881.	Lewis, Albert A.		Houlton	1
1880.	Baldwin, Winfred W.		East Sullivan	1
1881.	Bridgham, Melton F.		South Robbinston	1
1880.	Clifford, John R.		Sheepscot Bridge	1
1880.	Gardner, Rufus B.		Crawford	1
1880.	Maine, Charles A.		Edmunds	1
1881.	Mills, C. Irvin		Machias	2
1879.	Pentecost, Thomas R.		Windsor	1
1880.	Towle, Frederick W.		Exeter	
1879.	Collier, John W.		Missionary South America	
1879.	Crowsier, Oscar		Missionary South America	
1879.	Derrick, Israel		Missionary South America	
1879.	Higgins, James W.		Missionary South America	
1879.	Jeffrey, Alexander		Missionary South America	
1879.	La Fetra, Ira H.		Missionary South America	
1879.	Stowell, Alexander P.		Missionary South America	
1879.	Wright, William A.		Missionary South America	
1881.	Hoffman, John		Missionary	
1881.	Nelson, John N.		Missionary	
1881.	Wright, John E.		Missionary	

APPORTIONMENT FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

By vote of Conference the Presiding Elders were instructed to apportion to each charge the collection for Conference claimants. It is expected that the full amount apportioned will be raised in each place.

Bucksport District.

Alexander, etc.	\$7 00	Ellsworth	\$16 00
Bucksport	17 00	Franklin, etc.	8 00
Bucksport Centre	8 00	Gouldsborough, etc.	8 00
Belfast, etc.	24 00	Harrington, etc.	10 00
Bar Harbor	10 00	Machias	7 00
Calais	23 00	Milltown	15 00
Castine, etc.	14 00	Orrington	17 00
Columbia Falls, etc.	10 00	Penobscot, etc.	10 00
Cutler	5 00	Pembroke	7 00
Centre and South Orrington	17 00	Robbinston, etc.	6 00
Cherryfield, etc.	10 00	Searsport, etc.	14 00
Deer Isle	5 00	Surry, etc.	10 00
Eastport	17 00	Tremont, etc.	5 00
East Bucksport, etc.	6 00		
East Machias, etc.	10 00	Total	\$324 00
Edmunds, etc.	8 00		

Rockland District.

Rockland	\$30 00	Damariscotta and Mills	\$30 00
Thomaston	24 00	East Pittston and Whitefield	12 00
South Thomaston	8 00	Morrill and Knox	12 00
Boothbay	12 00	Montville and Palermo	14 00
East Boothbay	12 00	North and East Vassalborough	25 00
Bristol	22 00	North and West Waldoborough	12 00
Bremen and Round Pond	16 00	Sheepscot Bridge	20 00
Camden	12 00	Unity and Troy	20 00
Clinton and Benton	24 00	Waldoborough	22 00
Dresden	20 00	Westport and Arrowsic	14 00
Georgetown	12 00	Windsor and Cross Hill	19 00
Friendship	12 00	Winslow, Vassalborough, and River-side	19 00
Pittston	15 00	Wiscasset	20 00
Rockport	12 00	Woolwich	18 00
Searsmont	18 00		
Southport	10 00		
Union	22 00		
Cushing and South Waldoborough	14 00		\$552 00

Bangor District.

Atkinson	\$4 00	Hainesville, etc.	\$5 00
Argyle, etc.	4 00	Harmony	10 00
Bangor, First Church	34 00	Lagrange, etc.	8 00
Bangor, Union Street	34 00	Lincoln, etc.	15 00
Brewer and Eddington	16 00	Monticello	10 00
Brownville and Milo	15 00	Morse and Dyer Brook	5 00
Corinth and East Corinth	15 00	Newport, etc.	15 00
Carmel and Levant	12 00	Orono, Veazie, etc.	16 00
Dexter	20 00	Patten and Sherman	15 00
Dover and Bear Hill	16 00	Pittsfield, Hartland, etc.	18 00
Danforth, Weston, etc.	12 00	Perham and Castle Hill	3 00
Dixmont, Plymouth, etc.	12 00	Sebec and Bowerbank	12 00
Exeter, Stetson, etc.	12 00	Springfield, etc.	5 00
Fort Fairfield, Caribou, etc.	12 00	Topsfield, etc.	6 00
Guilford and Sangerville	20 00	Winterport, etc.	12 00
Houlton	10 00	West Hampden, etc.	5 00
Hodgdon and Linneus	10 00		
Hampden	18 00		

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EAST-MAINE CONFERENCE,
1848-1881.

Entered Ministry.	NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry.
1844	Jason Keith	Feb. 15, 1849	33	5
1841	Amos P. Batty.....	Oct. 9, 1849	Unknown.	8
1809	Benjamin Jones.....	July 18, 1850	64	42
1846	Isaiah P. Rogers.....	June 20, 1852	35	6
1845	Daniel H. Mansfield.....	Feb. 25, 1855	45	10
1843	C. H. A. Johnson.....	April, 1855	32	12
1846	John C. Prince.....	1858	35	12
1803	David Stimson.....	Aug. 4, 1859	82	56
1840	Mark R. Hopkins.....	June 3, 1859	49	19
1839	Seavey W. Partridge.....	Aug. 6, 1860	48	21
1832	Benjamin F. Sprague.....	Aug. 18, 1860	53	28
1829	Moses Donnell.....	Oct. 2, 1861	72	32
1848	Joseph P. French.....	Aug. 6, 1862	37	14
1792	Joshua Hall	Dec. 25, 1862	94	70
1857	Irving A. Wardwell.....	July 22, 1863	32	6
1814	Ephraim Wiley	Sept. 30, 1864	76	54
1811	William Marsh.....	Aug. 26, 1865	76	54
1850	Alfred S. Adams.....	July 24, 1865	41	15
1842	Cyrus Phenix.....	Jan. 28, 1866	48	24
1841	Robert R. Richards	Aug. 9, 1866	..	25
1852	James Hartford.....	Aug. 8, 1866	45	14
1846	Levi L. Shaw	Aug. 17, 1867	45	21
1854	Horace L. Bray.....	Feb. 21, 1868	37	14
1810	John Atwell.....	May 30, 1868	80	58
1827	George D. Strout	Oct. 22, 1868	66	41
1862	James B. Crawford.....	Mar. 31, 1869	40	7
1826	Daniel Clark.....	May 22, 1869	68	43
1837	Edward Brackett	Sept. 30, 1869	63	32
1853	Nathan W. Miller.....	Feb. 22, 1870	38	17
1816	Eliakim Scammon	Nov. 28, 1870	85	54
1850	Oren Strout.....	Feb. 23, 1872	70	22
1845	Reuben B. Curtis	May 21, 1872	60	27
1817	John Batchelder	Feb. 15, 1873	77	56
1832	Jesse Harriman	Feb. 18, 1873	80	51
1842	Edwin A. Helmershausen.....	Nov. 10, 1873	55	31
1816	Jeremiah Marsh	June 12, 1874	84	58
1869	James W. H. Cromwell.....	Aug. 23, 1874	31	5
1828	Daniel Cox	Dec. 28, 1875	74	47
1815	Sullivan Bray.....	Mar. 15, 1876	81	61
1818	John S. Ayer.....	Jan. 18, 1876	80	58
1855	Otis R. Wilson.....	Nov. 12, 1877	56	22
1828	Phineas Higgins	Jan. 14, 1878	72	50
1867	Charles E. Knowlton	June 2, 1878	35	11
1869	Charles H. Bray	June 23, 1879	39	11
1845	Ephraim H. Small	Sept. 29, 1879	70	35
1867	Daniel M. True	Feb. 5, 1880	54	13

SESSIONS OF THE EAST-MAINE CONFERENCE.

PLACE.	TIME.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
Bangor.	Aug. 2, 1848.	Hedding.	A. Church.
Bucksport.	June 20, 1849.	Morris.	A. Church.
Frankfort.	June 26, 1850.	Morris and Hedding.	A. Church.
Searsport.	June 11, 1851.	Janes.	A. Church.
Milltown (Calais).	June 23, 1852.	Baker.	A. Moore.
Rockland.	June 8, 1853.	Janes.	A. Moore.
Damariscotta.	June 7, 1854.	Waugh.	S. F. Wetherbee.
Bangor (Pine Street).	June 6, 1855.	Ames.	S. F. Wetherbee.
Bucksport.	July 2, 1856.	Simpson.	A. Church.
Camden.	May 20, 1857.	Morris.	A. Church.
Bangor (Union Street).	May 19, 1858.	Janes.	A. Church.
Thomaston.	April 20, 1859.	Ames.	A. Church.
Belfast.	April 12, 1860.	Janes.	A. Church.
Searsport.	May 15, 1861.	Scott.	A. Church.
Cherryfield.	May 14, 1862.	Baker.	A. Chürch.
Rockland.	April 29, 1863.	Simpson.	L. D. Wardwell.
Bucksport.	June 8, 1864.	Ames.	L. D. Wardwell.
Hampden.	May 17, 1865.	Baker.	L. D. Wardwell.
Waldoboro'.	May 17, 1866.	Janes.	B. S. Arey.
Wiscasset.	May 2, 1867.	Clark.	B. S. Arey.
Machias.	June 11, 1868.	Thompson.	B. S. Arey.
Bangor (Pine Street).	May 20, 1869.	Clark.	B. S. Arey.
Rockland.	May 12, 1870.	Simpson.	B. S. Arey.
Dexter.	May 31, 1871.	Ames.	B. S. Arey.
Orono.	June 12, 1872.	Andrews.	B. S. Arey.
Damariscotta.	May 15, 1873.	Wiley.	B. S. Arey.
Belfast.	May 6, 1874.	Janes.	B. S. Arey.
Calais.	May 12, 1875.	Haven.	B. S. Arey.
Bucksport.	June 8, 1876.	Foster.	B. S. Arey.
Thomaston.	May 2, 1877.	Scott.	B. S. Arey.
Rockland.	May 8, 1878.	Merrill.	B. S. Arey.
Dover.	May 7, 1879.	Foster.	B. S. Arey.
Bangor (Union Street).	June 3, 1880.	Foster.	B. S. Arey.
Belfast.	May 11, 1881.	Harris.	B. S. Arey.

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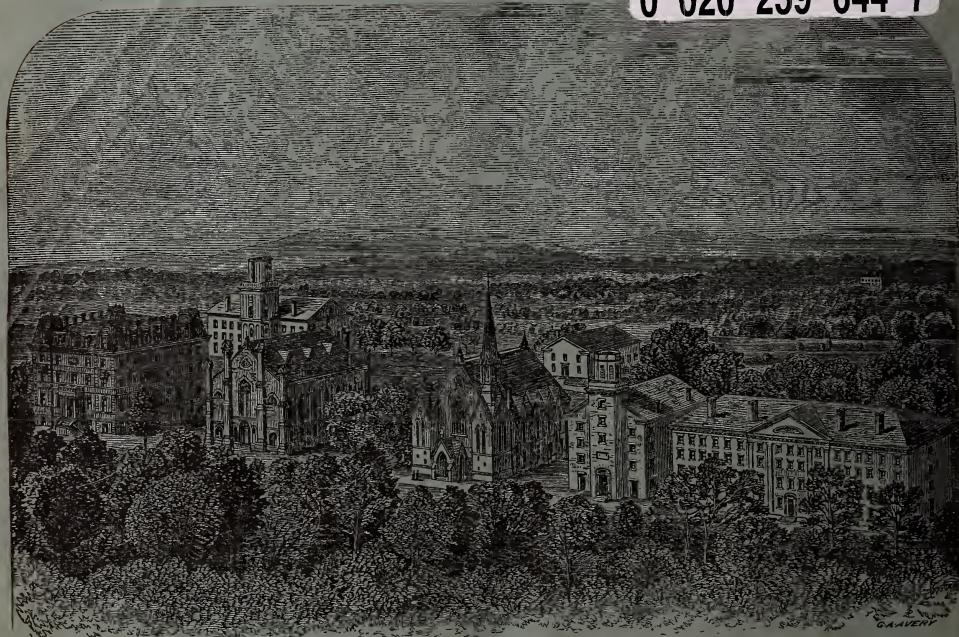
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